

School of Leaders

I. Cursillo Leaders and Attitude

- (A) Cursillo leaders have to have in themselves, individually and the Movement as a whole, four essential and basic attitudes. These are:
- (1) To see their roles as a Cursillo Leader as a vocation.
 - (2) To realize they are a Church leader before being a Cursillo leader
 - (3) A sense of responsibility for the continuous development of their own formation
 - (4) To develop a spirituality that has a lay character.
- (B) Cursillo Leader as a vocation: Those who work within the Movement for the good of the Cursillo need to see their work as a calling-----as a Primary Apostolate. This is a prime apostolate, first and foremost, before other things, even other Church things. It should not be the same response as we might have to our hobbies: “When I want,” “When I have time,” or “Because it gives me pleasure.”
- (C) Church leader: as Church leaders, as Cursillo Leaders, we must speak the Gospel, not ourselves; we are to be ministers of the Word, not masters of the Word. As ministers, we are servants of the Lord and servants to one another. A Cursillo Leader/Church leader must constantly be open to conversion and renewal.
- (D) Developing our own Formation: Cursillo Leaders need to know ourselves better, we need to make special efforts to deepen our commitment, that we may be truly formed and continue that formation. We are a pilgrim people, always in process, always growing---we must continue our Formation, scripturally, prayerfully, and apostolically. We must develop that intimate union through prayer; meditative, reflective, contemplative, and a speaking-listening-responding type of prayer. Formation must be rooted in:
Scripture, Vatican II, Pope Paul’s “EVANGELII NUNTIANDI”, Cursillo literature, and other spiritual reading.

(E) Developing a lay spirituality: In Chapter IV of the Constitution on the Church, it says: “We are called there (to live in the world and be part of it) by God so that by exercising our proper function and being led by the spirit of the Gospel, we can work for the sanctification of the world from within, in the manner of leaven. In this way we can make Christ known to others, especially by the testimony of a life resplendent in faith, hope, and charity.”

Each of us has our own calling and the development of our spirituality, our holiness, is not merely how much we pray, nor is it how much we know about God; and it is not how much we do. Our holiness is the fusion of our sacramental life, our participation, our celebration of liturgies, Eucharist, Reconciliation---fused with the work we do, the choices we make in the world, in the family, the neighborhood, our work, and the community.

Our spirituality is that total integration of *who* and *what* and *how* we do things. Our spirituality must be our life. Our spirituality must be authentic and observable.

In short, a Cursillo Leader must be more of everything that a Cursillista should be.