

Leaders

Overview

The maximum length of this rollo is 30 minutes. The Leaders rollo is the last rollo of the second day. It will not only solidify the previous rollos we've heard, but will prepare us for tomorrow's rollos and for our return to the same world we left Thursday night.

The Leaders rollo is a call to discipline ourselves to be effective witnesses in every sphere of life – to form ourselves to transform our society. The examples utilized in this rollo should be personal examples that demonstrate clearly what it means to live in God's grace and that everyone is called to Christian leadership. It is preferable to use examples of how God has used you as a Christian leader. You also may use leadership examples you have witnessed.

Immediately following the end of the rollo, the Rector should allow the Pilgrims a short time for personal reflection before introducing the discussion time. This time of reflection is to allow the Holy Spirit to inform their thoughts.

Purpose of this Rollo

The purpose of this rollo is to define Christian leadership and to show that Christian leadership flows naturally from a life in grace.

Objectives

- To define Christian leaders as those who bear witness to Christ in their spheres of influence.
- To affirm that each Christian is called to be a leader.
- To demonstrate through personal witness that Christian leadership flows naturally from life in grace.
- To inspire each of us to discern his or her personal unique gifts and talents for Christian leadership.

References

The Holy Bible

Visual Aids

None required

Opening Prayer

Please turn to page __ in your Pilgrim's Guide and pray with me.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we 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 consolations. Through Christ our Lord.

Please continue to pray with me.

We believe, Lord, that you are here present. Although our eyes do not see You, our faith senses You. Take any stray thoughts from our minds. Help us understand the truths You wish to teach us in this meditation. Let us make up our minds to put them into practice. Your servants are listening; speak Lord, to our souls. Amen

I. Introduction

A. Self

1. Name
2. Church name
3. Pilgrimage/Via de Cristo/Emmaus/Cursillo
 - a. Date
 - b. Table Name
 - c. Today's Table Recognition
4. Family
5. Church Involvement – name a few activities
6. Occupation/Vocation
7. Hobbies/Interest

B. Quick review of previous Rollos *[Note to Speaker: The following points may be put into your own words. Keep this review brief.]*

1. Christian Study (Speaker's name _____). Christian study is the ongoing pursuit of knowing God; giving our minds to God.
2. The Sacramental Life (Speaker's name _____). Sacraments are signs of God's grace. Life is a sacrament.

3. Christian Action (Speaker's name _____). Being a faithful witness to God's transforming love. Christian action flows naturally from a life in grace and, spreading the good news of the Gospel through love.
4. Obstacles to Grace (Speaker's name _____). Obstacles to grace are anything that inhibits the receiving and sharing God's grace.

C. Topic

1. Title of this rollo is **Leaders**.
2. Purpose of this rollo [*Note to Speaker: The following are the main points to be covered in this rollo.*]
 - To define Christian leaders as those who bear witness to Christ in their spheres of influence.
 - To affirm that each Christian is called to be a leader.
 - To demonstrate through personal witness that Christian leadership flows naturally from life in grace.
 - To inspire each of us to discern his or her personal, unique gifts and talents for Christian leadership.

II. What is a leader?

- A. Definition of a leader. **Leaders influence the thoughts and actions of others**
 1. Their attitudes generate similar attitudes among others.
 2. Their opinions generate similar opinions among others.
 3. Their decisions influence the decisions of others.
- B. False concepts of a leader – a leader is only::
 1. A person of position or power.
 2. A person of great wealth.
 3. A person of special talents.
- C. Qualities of a leader.
 1. **Natural qualities** – each of us is unique, but all leaders share certain natural qualities. These are:
 - a. **A spirit of initiative** – ability to reach one's own decisions and courage to act on those decisions.
 - b. **Ability to risk** – willingness to stand alone and act even when fearful.
 - c. **Sense of responsibility** – to accomplish a task or mission.

2. **Desired qualities** – qualities we would like to see in leaders but don't always.
 - a. **Personal authenticity** – *[Note to Speaker: Leaders should be true to their values and behave consistently with their beliefs. Leaders should be truthful to others. Joshua 24:15.]*
 - b. **Generosity** – *[Note to Speaker: Leaders share what they have, share what they are, and share what they become. Scripture: Romans 12:13, Romans 13:9-10.]*
 - c. **Personal accountability for actions** – *[Note to Speaker: Leaders are accountable for both intended and unintended consequences. Leaders have the integrity to admit mistakes and to make restitution when and where possible.]*

III. What is a Christian leader?

- A. Definition: **A Christian leader combines natural and desired qualities with Christian virtues.**
- B. **Christian virtues are:**
 1. **A living faith** *[Note to Speaker: A living faith is a matter of being and doing. It is who we are and what we do. It is intentional and continual growth in Christ, reflected in the actions of daily life. James 1:22.]*
 2. **Hope** *[Note to Speaker: All things are possible in God. Hope stems from knowledge that God is with us. Matthew 19:26, Matthew 17:20, and Hebrews 11:1.]*
 3. **Love** *[Note to Speaker: Ultimately, love is imitating Christ. It is not just an emotion. Love is a deliberate choice. Romans 12:9, John 13:34.]*
 4. **Humility** – a modest sense of one's own significance. *[Note to Speaker: Humility is not a low opinion of one's self. It should nourish all the other virtues.]* Humility stems from:
 - a. An awareness of our abilities compared to God's greatness, majesty and generosity.
 - b. An awareness of our sinful nature and our dependence on God's grace for salvation.
 - c. An awareness of our God-given gifts and talents. *[Note to Speaker: Romans 12:5-8, Phillipians 2:3.]*
 - d. An awareness that everyone has God-given gifts and talents.

C. **A Christian leader**

1. **Leads a balanced life of piety, study and action.**

- a. Accepts and responds to God’s call in all aspects of life – giving our hearts to God (Piety).
- b. Becomes saturated in God’s word – giving our minds to God (Christian Study).
- c. Uses all of their God-given talents to be an instrument of God’s transforming work through Jesus Christ – giving our hands to God (Christian Action).
- d. Shares the good news of Christ’s love (Apostolic Action).
- e. Calls responsible leaders to Christ (Apostolic Action).

(Note to Speaker: The emphasis of this section is to be on Point 1. Points 2 and 3 (following) foreshadow the Transformation of the Environment rollo. Thus, even though Points 2 and 3 are write-downs, they should only be mentioned briefly.)

2. **Lives in such a way that their life shapes the world around them.** *(Note to Speaker: The fruit of a Christian leader’s life challenges and influences the thoughts and actions of those around them toward Christian values. A balanced life will bear fruit.)*

3. **Ultimately – Being an instrument of God’s transforming work in Jesus Christ** *[Note to Speaker: A Christian leader calls the community of Christ to respond to the brokenness of the world. A Christian leader demonstrates that it is possible to live as a Christian. This is a good place to share your personal testimony. Again, emphasis should be on Point 1 rather than on Points 2 and/or 3.]*

IV. Me, a Leader? Yes! You are called to be a Christian leader. Please write this down, **I am called to be a Christian leader.**

A. God calls each of us to be a leader, living a balanced life of piety, study and action.

1. We are all leaders in our family, our work and in our various environments.
2. We are often leaders without realizing it.
3. God entrusts us with opportunities and equips us to influence others.
 - a. We are called not to do everything – but to do something.
[Note to Speaker: “All that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good people do nothing.” (Investigating source.)

- b. We are called to be a Christian where we are.
- c. We are called to use our own unique gifts and talents.
(Note to Speaker: Romans 12:6)

B. **Christ is counting on you:**

- 1. **To lead a balanced Christian life** of piety, study and action.
- 2. **To bear fruit** – To influence the thoughts and actions of those around you for Christ.
- 3. **To be an instrument of Christ’s redeeming love for all the world.** Reconciling the world to God. “And you shall renew the face of the earth.”

[Note to Speaker: Please end with “God loves you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, and so do I.”]