

Total Security in the 4th Day

Overview

This is the last rollo on the third day of the Pilgrimage. It follows the Transformation of the Environment, Life in Grace, and Christian Community in Action Rollos. Total Security should be delivered in a spirit of idealism, commitment, charity and confidence. The atmosphere is a combination of joy, enthusiasm to change and work for the Lord, and concern about how to continue this sense of God's presence after today. The Rector must demonstrate a high degree of confidence to the guests and strongly assure them 1) they are not alone and 2) they can meet the challenge presented to them. All they need is an ongoing relationship with Christ and an ongoing relationship with their brothers and sisters in Christ. The maximum length of this talk is 35-40 minutes minutes.

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 offer hope and encouragement in our Christian journey – this is a beginning, not an end. Total Security in the 4th Day also offers the Pilgrimage method of reunion group and Ultreya.

Objectives

- To review weekend -- silent retreat, worship services, chapel visits, wholeness and healing service, kitchen, music, palanca, serenade and rollos.
- To provide assurance that this weekend experience is a new beginning.
- To define the fourth (4th) day as the rest of our lives.
- To introduce the reunion group as a small Christian community.
- To inspire participation reunion group as a way to grow and persevere in our Christian walk.
- To introduce the concept of Ultreya and invite guests to next Ultreya in their honor.
- To share personal experiences of reunion group and Ultreya.

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
4. Family
5. Church Involvement – name a few activities
6. Occupation/Vocation
7. Hobbies/Interest

B. Topic

1. Title of this rollo is **Total Security in the Fourth Day**
2. Purpose of this rollo [*Note to Speaker: The following are the main points to be covered in this rollo.*]
 - a. To review weekend -- silent retreat, worship services, chapel visits, wholeness and healing service, kitchen, music, palanca, serenade and rollos.
 - b. To provide assurance that this weekend experience is a new beginning.
 - c. To define fourth (4th) day as the rest of our lives.

- d. To introduce the reunion group as a small Christian community.
- e. To inspire participation in reunion group as a way to grow and persevere in our Christian walk.
- f. To introduce the concept of Ultreya and invite guests to next Ultreya in their honor.
- g. To share personal experiences of reunion group and Ultreya.

II. Summary of weekend.

- A. If this weekend is only a pleasant memory, it will do little to advance the kingdom, either in yourself or in the world. This is a new beginning!
- B. God called you to this Pilgrimage to encourage you:
 - 1. To evaluate your ideals (Ideals).
 - 2. To accept the gift of God's grace, Jesus Christ, as your Christian ideal (Grace Given).
 - 3. To be the church in the world where you live and have your being (Laity and the Church).
 - 4. To live in grace, invite God into your life (Grace Received).
 - 5. To direct your whole life to God, giving your heart to God (Piety).
 - 6. To deepen your knowledge of God, giving God your mind (Christian Study).
 - 7. To live a sacramental life (The Sacramental Life).
 - 8. To bring God's love to the world in response to God's grace, giving our hands to God (Christian Action).
 - 9. To recognize that sin separates us from the receiving and sharing of God's grace and Jesus Christ is the answer to sin (Obstacles to Grace).
 - 10. To be God's agent for change (Leaders).
 - 11. To know and develop a plan for the transforming of your environments through God's grace (Transformation of the Environment).
 - 12. To live a life of grace, balancing your inward and outward spiritual journey (A Life of Grace).
 - 13. To know that intentional Christian communities are a means of effecting change in our environments (Christian Community in Action).
- C. What is Total Security? **Total security is living a life in grace with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.**

- D. What is the Fourth Day? **The 4th Day is from this day forward; the rest of your life.** The 4th Day community is comprised of all your brothers and sisters who have made a Pilgrimage, Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Via de Cristo three-day weekend.
- E. How do you preserve the spirit of this weekend and live in total security?
1. Personal stumbling blocks
 - a. Believing we are something – can do it myself, don’t need God, don’t need church, don’t need others (over confident).
 - b. Believing we are nothing – feeling we are unworthy, overwhelmed, undeserving (lack of confidence).
 - c. Doing nothing – resistant to change (inertia).
 2. Finding Total Security in the Fourth Day.
 - a. Relationship with Christ (John 15:5) – spiritual practices.
 - 1) Prayer
 - 2) Worship
 - 3) Spiritual guidance

[Note to Speaker: Refer to Service Card as a means of discipline and encouragement. It takes a lot of energy to change our lives, normally we resist change. All things are possible when we invite Jesus Christ into our lives.]
 - b. Relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ – Reunion Group and Ultreya
 - 1) Define, explain Reunion Group and process for beginning a group. **A Reunion Group is a small group of Christian people who meet weekly and are committed to sharing their lives of Piety, Study and Action.**
 - 2) Define and explain Ultreya. **An Ultreya, meaning “perseverance or forward” is a periodic gathering of the 4th Day** community. Announce Ultreya for this Pilgrimage. **The next Ultreya, which is in your honor, will be (date, time, and place).**

III. Personal Testimony Portion *[Note to Speaker: Here is where you share your experience in Reunion Group, how yours has progressed throughout your journey, both successes and failures, and what it is like now and what your Reunion Group and participation in Ultreyas have meant to you. We have introduced the phrase, “Christ is counting on you.” If appropriate, please weave the phrase, **“Christ is counting on you and I am counting on***

Christ” into your testimony and use it as a write-down. Remember the pastors will use the phrase, “Christ is counting on you” when the guests receive their crosses and the guests are asked to respond, “And I am counting on Christ.”]

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