

# **Reference Guide for Rector’s Guide: A Step-by-Step Guide for the Cursillo Weekend**

This *Reference Guide* was created to assist in understanding the *Rector’s Guide: A Step-by-Step Guide for the Cursillo Weekend*. Pagenumbers and times from the *Rector’s Guide* are in the first column. A “music” page and an index are also included at the end.

References refer to the *Rector’s Guide* or this *Reference Guide*, and sources by Eduardo Bonnín, such as: *Structure of Ideas*, *An Apprentice Christian*, *The How and the Why*, and *Study of the Charism*.

<b><u>Rectors Guide</u></b> <b><u>TOPICS BY TIME</u></b>	<b>Question</b>	<b><u>SCHEDULE EXPLANATION</u></b>
	<b>What was the procedure followed in the writing of the Rector’s Guide Step by Step and Lay Rollos for the Cursillo Weekend? "</b> FAQ General #1	The original <i>Rector’s Guide Step by Step</i> and Lay Rollos for the Cursillo Weekend were written by our Founder, Eduardo Bonnín. These documents have been, and are currently being used by the Cursillo Movement in Majorca. A team of dedicated Cursillistas(from the United States and Canada) have been working for several years on translating these documents to English. Duringthis time, a process of cross–checking each other’s work and clarifications with Mallorca leaders was incorporated to make certain that the translations are faithful to the Founder’s original intentions.
	<b>Why are candidates living the weekend referred to as Cursillistas?</b> FAQ General #2	The term Cursillista should be thought of as an individual who is experiencing the journey with Jesus. This journey begins with the beginning of the Cursillo Weekend and throughout one’s life in their Fourth Day ending with the Fifth Day. Based on this understanding, a person is a Candidate during the Precursillo, but becomes a Cursillista when they begin the Cursillo on Thursday evening, not when they complete the weekend at the Clausura.
<b>Schedule Pages 1-4</b>	<b>Can we change the times?</b> FAQ General #15	See the paragraph on page 1 of the <i>Rector’s Guide</i> also see Appendix 1A-2. Sequence and time allocation are most important. (Also see <i>Mass Eucharist</i> in this <i>Reference Guide</i> Saturday 8:00AM on pg. 2) <u>Study of the Charism</u> page 105 (2010 white page 64) “The method of Cursillo, in the particular fellowship of three days, in the guideline of a closed retreat, was prayed upon, thought upon, planned, studied and structured with miniscule attention.” <u>Structure of Ideas</u> page 71 “some rollos need to be set immediately before or after...” as well as there being a collective setting of each rollo. <i>Apprentice Christian</i> page 102 “I gave proper order to the rollos throughout the three days, taking care that in the evenings one would be left for last that [which] had highlighted things. Everything is calculated so that whoever goes, with good intentions, can turn their personality around, and be turned inside out like a sock. This is called metanoia.”

	<b>Is this _(whatever)____ optional?</b>	This guide offers us the ideal for the Cursillo Weekend as expressed by our Founder, Eduardo Bonnín. As a guide it is not a statement of requirements that are mandated but is actually an ideal to be understood and strived for. So, we cannot state to you that any of it is optional or else we would be reducing the ideal to our own personal suggestion or making this a requirement which is very different from an Ideal.
<b>Schedule Page 2 (Friday 9:15 a.m.)</b>	<b>Why are the Prayers with Rollista <u>only</u> <u>mentioned on</u> <u>the first day of</u> <u>the schedule?</u></b>	See Appendix 1A-1 on recurrence. Recurring acts from the first day are not repeated the other days to avoid repetitive descriptions. This holds true throughout the guide not just for the schedule. See in this <i>Reference Guide</i> the topic of Prayers with the Rollista at Friday 9:15 a.m. on pg. 9.
<b>Schedule Page 2 (Friday 10:15 a.m.)</b>	<b>What is the purpose of the Hobbies Sheet?</b> FAQ General #20	Hobbies Sheet (Appendix 7) is discussed in this <i>Reference Guide</i> Friday 10:15 a.m. on page 10.
<b>Schedule Page 2 (Friday 11:00 p.m.)</b>	<b>Meeting with Heads and Secretaries</b>	See in this <i>Reference Guide</i> “Table Group Heads and Secretaries” at the team meeting Thursday 10:45 p.m. on page 6. See in this <i>Reference Guide</i> “Visit to Blessed Sacrament with Heads and Secretaries” Friday 11:00 p.m. on pg.11.
<b>Schedule Pages 2-4</b>	<b>Why are there no breaks (free time) scheduled?</b> FAQ General #4	Breaks are included in each time block. See Appendix 1B-5. Flexibility is given to table members after each rollo for rollo discussions, summaries, posters, and breaks to foster freedom for a transforming change - a metanoia –, Flexibility is also included in the meal time-blocks. See Appendix 1E In the Dining Room. Also see in this <i>Reference Guide</i> Friday, 1015 a.m.when posters are first introduced on pg.10. Also see in this <i>Reference Guide</i> “Brightening the Atmosphere” info at Team Meeting Thursday 10:45 p.m. pgs. 6 & 7.
<b>Schedule Pages 2-4</b>	<b>Why is no mention made of the time allotted for each rollo?</b>	See the breaks answer above. Also see each Lay Rollo Section: “Character Notes” “B-1 Situation” or end of Lay Rollo for a suggested time. Note: The suggested time in the Lay Rollo includes any witness given by the rollista. Also see Appendix 1B-5
<b>Schedule Page 3 (Saturday 8:00 a.m.)</b>	<b>Why is the Saturday Mass not scheduled for after the Sacraments rollo to emphasize the message there?</b>	At what time does your parish celebrate Saturday daily Mass? The Mass is celebrated as a normally scheduled Saturday morning daily Mass. The Mass on Saturday should not be used as an opportunity for catechesis. A visit to the Tabernacle is scheduled after the Sacraments Rollo which is before lunch. This is in line with the Spiritual Advisor Guide for the Cursillo Weekend.
<b>Schedule Page 3</b>	<b>Fiesta</b>	See in this <i>Reference Guide</i> Saturday 9:00 p.m. pg.12.

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Schedule Page 4 (Sunday 6:55 a.m.)	Mañanitas  See in this <i>Reference Guide</i> Sunday 6:55 a.m. pg.13
Schedule Page 4 (Sunday 5:00 p.m.)	Clausura  See in this <i>Reference Guide</i> Sunday 5:00 p.m.pg. 14.

<b>THURSDAY -FIRST NIGHT OF THE WEEK</b>		
Pages 5- <u>ARRIVAL FIRST NIGHT</u>	<b>What happened to the Team Group Reunion, Eucharist, and dining together?</b> FAQ Thursday #1.	While these are all excellent activities, these should happen during the Team Preparation stage prior to the Cursillo Weekend. We should consider a mentality of the Cursillo beginning before the weekend and on the way to the retreat center. This is different from a previous mentality of the weekend starting after the Candidates are “settled in” to their rooms. Perhaps a meal or snack with the Candidates could be an option (Mallorca serves a meal (refreshments) Thursday night just before 9:30.).
	<b>Are team members supposed to meet with candidates prior to the Three Day Cursillo?</b> FAQ General #19	Meeting once or twice as friends with candidates could begin as applications come in before the Cursillo Weekend. It is part of Precursillo for a team member. It is a new practice for many of us in the USA. Candidates may also be invited to Ultreya before the Cursillo Weekend.
Pages 5	<b>Why do the team and candidates travel/carpool to the Cursillo location together?</b> FAQ Thursday #2	Meeting and sharing a ride with friends or friends-in-the-making is a welcoming gesture and allows team and candidates the opportunity to get to know one another in an informal setting. The gathering of candidates, team, and 4 <sup>th</sup> Day individuals who will not be on the Cursillo Weekend gives a face to both the palanca and the community of friendship candidates will be hearing about. It also allows the 4 <sup>th</sup> Day community to see those whom they will be praying for, which may happen as a group right after the team/candidates leave.
Page 5 “spot Table Heads and Secretaries”	<b>What is the purpose of Table Heads and Secretaries?</b>	See this question in this <i>Reference Guide</i> at Thursday 10:45 p.m. Team Meeting on pg. 6

<p><b>Page 5-6</b>  <b>Thursday 7:00</b>  <b>p.m.</b>  <u>ROOM ASSIGNMENTS</u></p>	<p><b>Don't the team members get their bags to their rooms ahead of time, so they can help others with their bags?</b>  FAQ Thursday #3.</p>	<p>Team and candidates are treated equally, not knowing their rooms ahead of time (except the Rector who should arrive early). This will create “organized chaos”, which is not a bad thing. It will facilitate much chatting while getting coffee as everyone, team and Candidates (New Cursillistas) drop their bags and wait for others to arrive. <u>Structure of Ideas page 54</u> “It is better, however, for the leaders to sleep in different rooms from the Cursillistas, yet at strategically located points. The reason for this is simple: It is much better if and the instructors’ meetings are not noticed by the Cursillistas and, if such arrangements were not made, this would be impossible.</p>
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NOTE: From this point in this document, Candidates, who are now attending the Cursillo Weekend will be referred to as “Cursillistas” in the same way someone attending a retreat is called a retreatant, not an applicant.)

<p><b>Page 7</b>  <b>Thursday 8:45</b>  <b>p.m. Paragraph 6</b>  <u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u></p>	<p><b>What is wrong with music for Stations; Lent in the church has music for Stations?</b>  FAQ Thursday #11</p>	<p>We must remember that we are beginning this Cursillo Weekend with the far away, and we don't want to use this time to introduce too many things of which they might not be familiar. The Pilgrims Guide (page 105) provides a simple, concise, in-hand format.</p>
<p><b>Pages 7-12</b>  <b>Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>Is there any music at all Thursday evening (<i>De Colores</i>, song practice for liturgy)?</b>  FAQ Thursday #8.</p>	<p>There is no music; no songs are sung Thursday evening. (Do you normally practice songs for each liturgy you attend?) Using familiar tunes during the rest of the Cursillo Weekend allows for a relaxed, friendly atmosphere of joining in rather than being directed. (This question/answer also appears in the Music Section at end of this <i>Reference Guide</i>. pg. 15)</p>
<p><b>Page 8</b>  <b>Thursday 9:20</b>  <b>p.m.</b>  <u>ANECDOTES (READINGS LIKE “BANKRUPTCY”)</u></p>	<p><b>The anecdotes (stories) have changed. What is the purpose of the anecdotes?</b>  FAQ General #3.</p>	<p><u>Apprentice Christian page 102</u> “The Cursillo is filled with simple examples, that we went searching for here and there, that are very pedagogical [educational] and serve to help people delve more deeply. The Cursillo is nothing more than encoded common sense.”  (Also see the purpose of each anecdote as it appears in the Cursillo Weekend below.)  Bankruptcy Thursday 9:20 p.m.  Professor Cook Friday 9:30 a.m.  Skiing trip Friday 7:30 p.m.  Story of John Saturday 9:30 a.m.  Last Will... Sunday 10:45 a.m.</p>

<p><b>Page 8</b> <b>Thursday 9:20</b> <b>p.m.</b> <b>and Appendix #2</b> <b>BANKRUPTCY</b> <b>(ALSO SEE above</b> <b>"ANECDOTES")</b></p>	<p><b>Do we have to</b> <b>read</b> <b>“Bankruptcy”?</b> <b>We’ve never seen</b> <b>Bankruptcy</b> <b>before and it is</b> <b>long.</b> FAQ Thursday #4.</p>	<p>While the actual text of “Bankruptcy” is new to the United States, the concept of a reflective reading on Thursday evening is not. The 2007 manual says “team leaders read something appropriate” on page 25 during the 9:30pm snack. “Bankruptcy” may be read by multiple, team leaders (maybe 3). It is read during break/snack time between meditations, so that the reading helps the people keep silence comfortably, avoiding speaking due to politeness, shame, or nerves. If avoiding a very late night on Thursday is a concern, the Stations of the Cross may be omitted. All team are encouraged to read Bankruptcy several times to obtain the mentality of Eduardo Bonnín and follow his charism for the far away</p>
<p><b>Page 8</b> <b>Thursday 9:20</b> <b>p.m. and</b> <b>Appendix #2</b></p>	<p><b>What is the</b> <b>message of</b> <b>“Bankruptcy”?</b> FAQ Thursday #5</p>	<p>The reading (which is about characters with the desire for money, power and pleasure, and the wasting of time with themes of repentance, forgiveness, hope and a new life in the way of Christ) helps participants focus on introspection through possible identification with one or more of the characters. Being preceded by the “Know Thyself” meditation and followed by the meditation of the Prodigal Son helps “set” the reading and invites the Cursillista to an encounter with self the first night. Note: Setting of rollos is noted in <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><i>Structure of Ideas, pg.69-71</i></span></p>
<p><b>Page 8</b> <b>Thursday 10:15</b> <b>p.m.</b> <b>EXAMINATION OF</b> <b>CONSCIENCE</b> <b>Appendix 3</b></p>	<p><b>Is this Examination</b> <b>of Conscience on</b> <b>Thursday night a</b> <b>penance service?</b> FAQ Thursday #6</p>	<p>No. It is an Examination taken directly from Appendix 3. (Note: Friday’s or Saturday’s “Examination of Conscience” is included in the Pilgrims Guide as part of night prayers.) Examination of one’s conscience is a private, individual act. It is not a penance service, which prepares a group for confession and includes the Rite of Penance. In fact, at no time during the Cursillo Weekend is a “Penance Service” held. (See next two questions.)</p>
<p><b>Page 8</b> <b>Thursday 10:15</b> <b>p.m.</b> <b>Appendix 3</b></p>	<p><b>Is the Examination</b> <b>of Conscience</b> <b>read by the laity</b> <b>or clergy?</b></p>	<p>The fact that this passage is in the Rector’s Guide and not the Spiritual Advisor’s Manual strongly suggests that it is read by the Rector.</p>
<p><b>Page 8-9</b></p>	<p><b>Is there a specified</b> <b>time for</b> <b>reconciliation?</b> FAQ General #8</p>	<p>It should be announced, and repeated often, that priests are available for reconciliation or Spiritual Direction at almost any time. Cursillista contact with a Spiritual Advisor during a free time block, like after meal or on a walk, allows not only for availability, but for a less formal encounter which may make a profound difference in openness to Spiritual Direction or reconciliation. See Appendix 1F-2</p>

**THURSDAY TEAM MEETING**

<p><b>Pages 10 Thursday 10:45 p.m. Team Meeting <u>HEADS AND SECRETARIES</u></b></p>	<p><b>Should everyone have new Cursillistas serve as Table Heads and Secretaries?</b> FAQ Thurs. #9</p>	<p>Yes. Every Diocese should have Table Heads and Secretaries in their weekends. It gives the new Cursillistas ownership of the Cursillo Weekend. It is their weekend. Also see Appendix 5 (We form the Groups) and Appendix 11 (Visit with Heads and Secretaries – First Day).</p>
	<p><b>What is the purpose of Heads and Secretaries?</b></p>	<p>The main purpose of Table Heads and Secretaries is to have new Cursillistas (not team leaders) feeling involved in the group of the Cursillo Weekend by choosing the stronger personalities and the ones who would never ever wish it for whatever reason, the far away, the shy people. Also see: Friday 9:30 a.m.(rector forms groups after breakfast) Appendix 1G-2 (ask if all present) Appendix 1F-4 (will remain in chapel, thank God for the day, commend the next day, thank the Lord chose them) Appendix 5 – (formation of) Appendix 11 – (first evening visit with) Also see the Visit to Blessed Sacrament with Heads and Secretaries Friday 11:00 p.m. in this Reference p.11</p>
<p><b>Page 11 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph Thursday 10:45 p.m. Team Meeting (Appendix 5)</b></p>	<p><b>Are only the Rector and Spiritual Advisor not part of any Table Group?</b> FAQ General #16</p>	<p>Yes. As team we must remember that it is more important to have contact with the Cursillistas than with each other. “It is necessary above all to know each of the Cursillistas in order to be able to give them the exact truth, at the right moment.” <u>Structure of Ideas page 35</u> The “function” of the team leaders is “to make friends” and “to make them friends of Christ” by “helping them, encouraging them, advising them [and] giving example and testimony.” <u>Structure of Ideas page 56</u></p>
<p><b>Page 12 10:45 pm Thursday Night Team Meeting “Designate the Team Leader Responsibilities” list <u>BREAKS &amp; "BRIGHTENING THE ATMOSPHERE"</u></b></p>	<p><b>What is meant by “brightening the atmosphere”? (from Appendix 1A-1 about recurring events)</b> FAQ General #5</p>	<p>(<u>Structure of Ideas page 52</u>) “Liveliness of the environment (on the part of the leaders): The Cursillo climate is formed by an accumulation of details. A tone of joy should be given to the whole by means of: jokes, songs, witticisms that entertain, relax and prepare them. And each one individually should be given a feeling of friendship through knowing him by his name, being solicitous [attentive] without being boring, and opening up his heart” Also see 9<sup>th</sup> bullet in this <i>Reference pg.8</i>; 10:45pm Thursday Night Team Meeting with quote in: <u>Structure of Ideas pg. 59</u> Also see Appendix 1A (repetition), Appendix 1B-4 (break activities) Appendix 1E-3 (meals joyful) Appendix 1G-1 (song before rollo)</p>

<p>Page 12 10:45 pm Thursday Night Team Meeting <u>list 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet</u></p> <p><u>BREAKS (AND JOKES)</u></p>	<p>Didn't the US Cursillo do away with jokes when things got out of hand at some Three Day Cursillos? FAQ General #7</p>	<p>While we must take caution with jokes, as some are too lax with what is "appropriate", this is all part of "livening the environment," and should not be disallowed.</p> <p><u>Apprentice Christian page 73</u>—"livening it up with songs and jokes."</p> <p><u>Apprentice Christian page 103</u> "jokes in the dining room and the attention we have given you are only so that you might find yourself... All this for me." (followed by a joke about passing the basket for the souls in Purgatory)</p>
<p>Page 12 10:45 pm Thursday Night Team Meeting <u>list 4th bullet</u></p> <p><u>BREAKS (ACTIVITIES)</u></p>	<p>Are we really supposed to expect people of a certain age to skip rope or play soccer?</p> <p>Is it a "Break" if planned? FAQ General #6</p>	<p>See Appendix 1B-4 –(so atmosphere stays light and any tensions dissipate)</p> <p>Game play is not mandatory, nor does it replace corridor work; It provides a reason to cheerfully interact, so the atmosphere stays light, any tensions dissipate, and the person opens to the grace of God.</p> <p>It is also a psychological thing to lighten the atmosphere and may provide energy release of younger folks who may use basket balls, Frisbees, hula-hoops, and paddle balls while less active folks may engage in bocce, beanbag games, &amp; puzzles.</p>
<p>Page 12 10:45 pm Thursday Night Team Meeting <u>list 6th bullet</u></p> <p><u>HOBBIES SHEET</u></p>	<p>What is the purpose of the Hobbies Sheet? FAQ General #20</p> <p>What happens to the sheets afterwards? FAQ General #21</p>	<p>The Hobbies Sheet is used for dialogue, corridor work, common interests, ice breakers, and possibly roster information.</p> <p>They are then destroyed at the end of the Cursillo Weekend.</p> <p>Also see Appendix 7 "Hobbies Sheet"</p> <p>.</p>

<p>Page 12 10:45 pm Thursday Night Team Meeting <u>list 9th bullet</u></p> <p><u>INITIATING SONGS BEFORE ROLLOS MUSIC (&amp; BREAKS)</u></p>	<p><b>Is there supposed to be a song verse prior to each rollo?</b> FAQ Music # 1</p> <p><b>How do we gain the attention of the room to begin the next Rollo?</b> FAQ General #18</p> <p><b>What is the concept of initiating the “silly” songs before the Rollos?</b></p>	<p>The simplicity of ringing a bell is used for gathering. The rollista for the Ideal rollo is simply introduced by name. See this <i>Reference Guide</i> page 11; Friday 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>The song “<i>De Colores</i>” precedes the announcement and introduction of the Habitual Grace Rollista. (see origins in this <i>Reference Guide</i> page 11; Friday 11:00am)</p> <p>Simple silly songs are one of the methods we can use to gather or gain attention. The Rollista may also begin with a joke. The goal here is the “brightening of the atmosphere” to “ease and positively predispose the attitude of the new Cursillistas.” (Appendix 1G-1)</p> <p><u>Structure of Ideas</u> page 59 says “Through songs and jokes before each rollo- especially the “key” rollos – one achieves an atmosphere that will make the rollo yield more and better fruit. Be careful not to tire the Cursillistas out with this preparation, because the only thing that is sought is to relax them.”</p> <p>See pg. 8 in this Guide 9<sup>th</sup> bullet and Appendix 1G-1 (song before rollos)</p> <p>Also see 1A-1 (repetition) and Rector’s Guide pg 16, 11:00am (first “silly song” before Habitual Grace), pg 16 at 2:30pm The Layperson... rollo and page 17 at 7:30pm, Piety rollo)</p> <p>Also see in this <i>Reference Guide</i> “Breaks &amp; - Brightening the Atmosphere” at beginning of the Thu 10:45 team meeting</p>
	<p><b>What is meant by “silly songs” and what is the point of just singing these “silly songs”?</b> FAQ Music #2</p>	<p>Silly songs are simple, repetitive songs to create laughter, “to clear our heads and warm up the atmosphere” and do not use a book. Such as: <i>If You’re Happy and You Know It, Do Your Ears Hang Low, Down By The Bay, Found a Peanut, There’s a Hole in My Bucket, The More We Get Together, The Wheels on the Bus, The Noble Duke of York...</i></p> <p><u>Apprentice Christian</u> page 106- “We asked Estarellas to bring songs to Cursillos that were <u>not pious</u> (hymns) [so as not to frighten the far away] and the one we liked best was this one, [<i>De Colores</i>]...In addition to being expressions of encouragement and emotions, they have been used to detoxify and to oxygenize.” <u>Study of the Charism</u> page 145]</p> <p>“The “<i>De Colores</i>” has in the course of time become the anthem and symbol for Cursillistas from all around the world.” <u>Study of the Charism</u> page 145]</p> <p>Also see: <u>Cursillo History &amp; Memory</u> page 51 -52] for a more detailed explanation</p>
<p>Page 12 10:45 pm Thursday Night Team Meeting <u>list 9th bullet</u></p>	<p><b>Team to pray over rollista</b></p>	<p>See Friday 9:15am page 9 of this Reference Guide.</p>

<b>Friday – First Day of the Weekend</b>		
<b>Page 13</b> <b>FRIDAY 7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>What is the Morning Offering?</b> FAQ General #13.	This is a simple prayer that can be found in the Pilgrim’s Guide on pages 17-20.
<b>Page 14</b> <b>Friday 8:30 a.m.</b> <b><u>PRAYER, GRACE AT MEALS</u></b>	<b>Is the Spiritual Advisor to lead grace at all meals?</b> FAQ General #11	Yes, if available. If a Spiritual Advisor is not available, then grace should be led by the Rector. Also see Appendix 1E-2 and 1E-4 (In the Dining Room)
<b>Page 15</b> <b>Friday 9:15 a.m.</b> <b><u>PRAYER, ROLLISTA</u></b>	<b>Do all team members go to the Chapel with the Rollista to pray, leaving the candidates unattended?</b> FAQ General #12.	Yes, all of the team go to the chapel (including the Spiritual Advisor, if available); the new Cursillistas are left alone. We must remember that this is a brief prayer. See Appendix 1G-2 –“...the entire team prays with the rollista”...demonstrating comfort and familiarity with praying in the chapel. Note: The whole community should be praying <u>Structure of Ideas page 58</u> – Immediate Preparation “Before beginning, the rollista goes to the Blessed Sacrament in order to ask for effective words and to offer his efforts. Everything in the Cursillo is a work of Grace...and Grace is conditioned by prayer; Ask and you will receive.” See APPENDIX 1-A1 (repetition)
	<b>Does any of the team do palanca in the chapel during a rollo?</b> FAQ General #14	APPENDIX 1G-3 No team member goes to the chapel to do palanca during the rollo. <u>Structure of Ideas page 53</u> “If the leaders do not attend all the rollos, they cannot thoroughly understand the individual since they do not know the truths that he has gained or those that he should have gained.” In addition, the team members’ absences may distract from the message of the Rollo. <u>Structure of Ideas page 54</u> “Inexcusable absences are more noticeable than disturbing presences. And both are regrettable.” A Rollista may wish to have a member of the outside <u>community do palanca during an appointed time.</u>

<p><b>Page 15</b> <b>Friday 9:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>When are introductions given?</b> FAQ Thursday #10</p>	<p>On Friday morning before assigning candidates to table groups, all are introduced by the Rector reading out their first and last names. Appendix 5 gives an explanation of how to conduct these informal introductions referred to as a “Fashion Show”. (See Appendix 5, sixth bullet)</p> <p>The rationale is to let everyone take notice of the person being introduced, their name and what they look like. This means take a few seconds to let the person stand there and be seen, not stand up and sit down immediately. It is to ‘show them off’, but also to reduce the typical spiel which can focus on status, rather than on person. Some will make it funny, others may be more matter-of-fact. We will come to know one another more completely during personal contact (corridor work) throughout the weekend. (See Appendix 5, sixth bullet)</p> <p>In addition, “Each leader should know the first and last name of all the table members of his Table Group and talk to every one of them on the first day.” (<i>Rector Guide</i>, page 11-- 11<sup>th</sup> paragraph)</p> <p>Signing of the Pilgrims Guide is used to contact each other on a one-to-one basis</p> <p>Also see “corridor work” in Appendix 1B-6</p> <p>Also see in this <i>Reference Guide</i> Friday 2:30 p.m., page 11. (introducing rollistas)</p>
<p><b>Page 15</b> <b>Friday 9:30 a.m.</b> (after forming groups)</p>	<p><b>What is the purpose of the anecdote “Professor Cook” in Appendix #6?</b></p>	<p>The purpose of this anecdote is explained within Appendix #6 itself – every moment of the weekend serves a purpose</p> <p>Also, this <i>Reference Guide</i> “Anecdotes” Thursday 9:20 pg.4 With <a href="#">Apprentice Christian p 102</a></p>
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<p><b>Page 15</b> <b>Friday 10:15 a.m.</b> <b><u>POSTERS,</u></b> <b><u>DISCUSSION,</u></b> <b><u>SUMMARIES</u></b></p>	<p><b>Do the Cursillistas work on posters all day?</b> FAQ General #9</p>	<p>Possibly; flexibility is given to table members after a rollo to respond in their own way for <u>rollo discussions</u>, <u>summaries</u>, <u>posters</u> and breaks</p> <p>Conversion &amp; conversation are more important than catechesis. Discussion is more important than content. See Appendix 1B-5 (breaks and posters) and also Appendix 1 G-4 (rollo room posters)</p>
	<p><b>How many posters are made?</b> FAQ General #10</p>	<p>One poster (5 drawings) on Friday and similar poster on Saturday (Appendix 10)</p>

<p><b>Page 16 Friday 11:00 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Are we not supposed to sing <i>De Colores</i> until the first morning?</b> FAQ Music #3</p>	<p>Does the mood of <i>De Colores</i> fit with Thursday’s reflective atmosphere? <i>De Colores</i> is first sung on Friday before the Habitual Grace rollo. Then it can be sung occasionally on the other days. See Appendix 1G-1</p>
<p><b>Page 16 Friday 11:00 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>What is the origin of the <i>De Colores</i> song?</b> FAQ Music #4</p>	<p>The song <i>De Colores</i> was a Spanish folk song which was popular at the time of the first cursillos in Mallorca, Spain. A Cursillista by the name of Guillermo Estarellas, introduced this song at the request of Eduardo Bonnín (our Cursillo founder), to sing something while the candidates were waiting on the first day of the weekend for the first spiritual rollo. Some years after it was introduced, another Cursillista saw the parallel between: the colors of the rainbow - and the spring time flowers - and the colors of being in Grace. It became a greeting that the Cursillistas used when they met each other, meaning, is all well with you, are you in Grace? As Cursillo spread around the world, the song <i>De Colores</i> went with it, simply because it is a well-known Spanish folk song. It was eventually translated into English, however, in many countries, it is still sung in Spanish. <u>Apprentice Christian page 106</u> - <u>not pious</u> (hymns) <u>Study of the Charism page 145</u> anthem and symbol <u>Cursillo History &amp; Memory page 51 -52</u> detailed</p>
<p><b>Page 16 Friday 2:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Why are the Rollistas not formally introduced?</b> FAQ General #17</p>	<p>All Rollistas are introduced simply by first name. Example: “The next rollo is given by_____.” See Appendix 1A (repetition) As the day progresses the atmosphere becomes more friendly and informal, so one-to-one contact and the Rollistas’ life witness are how the Cursillistas will come to know more about each Rollista.</p>
<p><b>Page 17 Friday 7:30 p.m.</b> Anecdote within the Rectors intervention after Piety Rollo</p>	<p><b>What is the purpose of the anecdote Skiing trip in Appendix - # 8</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the <u>Skiing trip</u> anecdote is noted in <u>Apprentice Christian page 103</u>, “take advantage of the Cursillo...of understanding how deep and true this phrase can be for you. “All this for me.” Also see this <u>Reference Guide “Anecdotes” Thursday 9:20pm</u> with <u>Apprentice Christian page 102</u> reference.</p>
<p><b>Page 18 Friday 11:00 p.m.</b> <u>VISIT TO BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH TABLE GROUPS HEADS &amp; SECRETARIES</u></p>	<p><b>Why are the Heads and Secretaries asked to remain and visit the Blessed Sacrament with the team?</b> FAQ Friday #1.</p>	<p>This visit is to encourage the Heads and Secretaries to take ownership with humility of what is happening at their tables and simply to say ‘good night’ to the Lord. Also see Appendix 1F-4 – “...Heads and Secretaries... thank God for the day...commend the next day... The rector will point out... the Lord... chose them.” Also see Appendix 11 (first visit)</p>

<b>Saturday – Second Day</b>		
<p><b>Page 20</b>  <b>Saturday 8:00</b>  <b>a.m.</b>  <b>Mass Eucharist</b>  <b>MASS -</b>  <b>"EUCHARIST"</b>  <b>(ALSO SEE</b>  <b>SCHEDULE)</b></p>	<p><b>Why is the Saturday</b>  <b>Mass not</b>  <b>scheduled for after</b>  <b>the Sacraments</b>  <b>rollo to emphasize</b>  <b>the message there?</b>            FAQ Saturday #1</p>	<p>At what time does your parish celebrate Saturday daily Mass? _____</p> <p>The Mass on Saturday should not be used as an opportunity for catechesis. The Mass is celebrated as a normally scheduled Saturday morning daily Mass.</p> <p>A visit to the Tabernacle is scheduled after the Sacraments Rollo and before lunch.</p> <p>(This Answer/question is also included under the Schedule in this <i>Reference Guide, page 2</i>)</p>
<p><b>Page 21</b>  <b>Saturday 9:30</b>  <b>a.m. after the</b>  <b>Study Rollo</b></p>	<p><b>What is the purpose</b>  <b>of the anecdote</b>  <b>The Story of John in</b>  <b>Appendix # 12?</b></p>	<p><u>The Story of John</u> shows the relationship with the Lord is a relationship of friendship that the Lord likes humble people who pray with their heart, the naturalness of visiting the tabernacle in everyday life, and that the Lord is with you when you need it, no matter where you are. Particularly after the study Rollo, one may think they need to be very intelligent to be Christian, when in fact this story emphasizes the "heart" is what is important and not the head/mind.</p> <p>Also in this <i>Reference Guide "Anecdotes" Thursday 9:20pm</i> with <u>Apprentice Christian page 102</u> reference.</p>
<p><b>Page 23</b>  <b>(Saturday 8:15</b>  <b>p.m.)</b>  <b>PRAYER, ROSARY</b></p>	<p><b>Is there a nightly</b>  <b>rosary?</b>            FAQ General #22.</p>	<p>No, the Rosary is not essential. The <i>Rector's Guide</i> only has a rosary listed Saturday 8:15 p.m., which also says, "Don't make this a para-liturgy, simply pray the rosary. There are no songs. Keep it simple. Pray it as simply as you would at home or in church. The rosary is a personal devotion that each Cursillista can embrace in total freedom as part of their spiritual life in their 4th Day. See Structure of Ideas Footnote 19 on page 49 with corrected translation – delete childish acts- replaced by "without lacking energy".</p>
<p><b>Page 23</b>  <b>(Saturday 9:00</b>  <b>p.m.)</b>  <b>FIESTA (SOCIAL</b>  <b>GATHERING)</b></p>	<p><b>Is this "Fiesta" or</b>  <b>Social Gathering an</b>  <b>accidental?</b>            FAQ Saturday #2</p>	<p>No, it is part of brightening the atmosphere</p> <p>The word "fiesta" gives a multitude of misleading interpretations open to excess,</p> <p>It is OK to use a different word like "fellowship" or "sharing" or just to describe what takes place before the Reunion of the Table Groups) "Jokes, games, songs, humorous stories for relaxation".</p> <p>(Game samples -4 players or more like <i>Win, Lose, Draw</i>; Charades, Apples to Apples, musical chairs...)</p>

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**Sunday – Third Day**

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<p><b>Page 25</b> <b>Sunday 6:55</b> <b>a.m.</b> <b><u>MAÑANITAS</u></b></p>	<p><b>Did we not do away with Mañanitas?</b> FAQ Sunday #1</p>	<p>Better translations and communication have clarified Mallorca’s use of the Mañanitas. “Mañanitas in Mallorca have been going on for ~35 [+15 = 50] years and are part of their Rector’s Guide”. The Mañanitas are a tangible sign for the Cursillistas. They can readily see what they have been told: that people are praying and sacrificing for them. The Cursillistas are impressed that the 4th Day community is concerned about them, so this makes them feel united to them. The Mañanitas are a positive experience and the beginning of friendship between the Cursillistas and the 4th Day Cursillo community. Mañanitas is not a "show" like in some places. Mallorca keeps Mañanitas simple. The Mañanitas should never interrupt the Cursillo Weekend schedule or affect the Cursillistas attention to the rollos on Sunday. (Mañanitas Dialogue in March 2003 between Eduardo Bonnín and National Staff.)</p> <p>“While it is true that the weekends themselves often do facilitate the forming of friendships, it is really the exposure of the candidates to the larger community at the Mañanitas and the Clausura that gets the candidates thinking in terms of the possibilities for friendship and gives them a foretaste of what lies ahead.” (Eduardo Bonnín, <i>Evangelization through Conversion</i>, Sec. 6 Facilitating Friendship Paragraph 2) <a href="https://www.natl-cursillo.org/eduardo-bonnin-aguilo/evangelization-through-conversion/">https://www.natl-cursillo.org/eduardo-bonnin-aguilo/evangelization-through-conversion/</a> also: Thinking of Eduardo Bonnín, p.79.</p> <p>Also see Appendix 13.</p>
<p><b>Page 26</b> <b>Sunday 10:45</b> a.m. while rector explains service sheet</p>	<p><b>What is the purpose of the Last Will and Testament... anecdote in Appendix- # 14 (Service Sheet)</b></p>	<p>The Last Will and Testament of an Elderly Man anecdote is explained within the appendix itself – that of making a commitment or not</p> <p>Also see in this <i>Reference Guide</i> “Anecdotes” Thursday 9:20 with <a href="#">Apprentice Christian page 102</a> reference above</p>
<p><b>Page 27</b> <b>Sunday 3:30</b> <b>p.m.</b> <b><u>GROUP</u></b> <b><u>REUNION</u></b></p>	<p><b>Why are there visitors in for grouping?</b> FAQ Sunday #2</p>	<p>“If a Cursillistas is the only one from a remote area on the Cursillo weekend; it is important that this first experience of an actual Group Reunion be with someone who will be available to group with after the weekend.”</p> <p>No more than three visitors are invited and only if necessary. This decision is usually made BEFORE the Cursillo weekend when going through the information on the candidates and where they live in comparison to the Team Leaders serving the weekend. However, we need to know what is fundamental and combine that with common sense. Bringing in visitors will be a decision that will need to be made by each diocese. Either way, we need to keep in mind that the Group Reunion on the third days not a performance; it is an actual grouping.</p> <p>Contact with a Cursillista’s local 4<sup>th</sup> Day community can ease them into the first Ultreya, too.</p>

<b>Sunday and Clausura</b>		
<b>Page 29 Sunday 5:00 p.m. Clausura</b>	<b>During the Clausura, should a “round of applause be given for the people who have served us over the three days”?... team?</b> FAQ Sunday #4.	No, the team and Cursillistas give a round of applause to the retreat house staff and/or kitchen team just prior to the Clausura. (See <i>Rector’s Guide</i> page 28) There is no applause for the Team Leaders. During the Clausura there is a “round of applause” given to Jesus Christ who is present in the Tabernacle. See Appendix 15
<b>Page 29 Sunday 5:00 p.m. and Appendix 15 first page under #2 <u>CLAUSURA</u> <u>(APPENDIX 15)</u></b>	<b>Who is present at the Clausura that has “...never been to a Cursillo weekend and are attending a Clausura for the first time”?</b> FAQ Sunday #5	Some non-Cursillistas may unavoidably be present, (like a guest bishop), but the Clausura is not encouraged as a Precursillo tactic. This might only serve to bewilder possible Candidates. An alternative would be to invite them to an Ultreya. <u>Structure of Ideas page 18</u> “[It is] not a matter of fishing with a lantern getting them to a ceremony (Clausura) which will only bewilder them” (Ultreya instead)
<b>(Appendix 15 second page #7) &amp; Sunday 10:45am</b>	<b>Why hand the Service Sheet in and back out?</b>  Note: The Service Sheet is handed out after the Life In Grace rollo. Appendix 14 says, “deliver it before lunch to the Spiritual Advisor”	<u>Apprentice Christian page 104</u> “...the idea of the ‘Service Sheet’ is to make it concrete, because to make a stimulus concrete is to achieve it.” <u>The How and the Why page 21-22</u> “The specific purpose of the Cursillos is to build up and structure Christianity... from the supernatural transformation effected by the work of grace in each individual... not a “formed person” ... but a vital and militant Catholic... enabled to lead in the transformation of his milieu... living stones in this construction of Christianity. ...This transformation must then mark the individual and put him in the precise place where, after the Cursillo, he must live his Catholicism. This is the purpose of the “Service sheet...”
<b>(Appendix 15 second page #7)</b>	<b>Why are the crucifix and carnet not mentioned in the Clausura?</b> FAQ Sunday #6	Eduardo's <i>Rector’s Guide</i> does not mention a crucifix because it was never part of the original Cursillo Weekend. The crucifix is an addition to the Clausura which eventually became the norm in the US Cursillo. What is essential and what is mentioned in the Guide, is the Service Sheet which is the Cursillista's commitment or pledge of honor to Christ.
<b>Why is there no mention of Exposition, Benediction, Apostolic Hour or Mass in the Clausura?</b>	FAQ Sunday #7	These are not a part of the Clausura. The focus of Clausura is “to live and experience what they have been told in the rollos” of the third day, the witness of living a normal, everyday life with Christ (Appendix 15 first paragraph). The Mass is not part of the Clausura. Cursillo is not a parish. For the outside community, Sunday Mass is to be celebrated in their own parish.

**When, if ever, do Cursillistas participate in the Apostolic Hour?**  
FAQ Sunday #3

The new Cursillistas do not participate in the Apostolic Hour. Its community prayer/palanca to be used at other times. The Rector's Guide has the Apostolic Hour as an option for 4th Day Community palanca on Thursday evening after dropping off candidates and Sunday morning before Mañanitas.  
(See Appendix 13  
(Outside community can plan to pray before Mañanitas))

<b>MUSIC</b>		<b>Music</b>
<b>Page 7</b>	<b><u>There is no music for Stations of the Cross?</u></b>	There are "no additions, music or embellishments" See Rector's Guide and this <i>Reference Guide</i> Pg. 4 Thursday 8:45 p.m. Paragraph 7)
<b>Pages 7-12 Thursday</b>	<b>Is there any music at all <u>Thursday evening (De Colores, song practice for liturgy)?</u></b>	There is no music; no songs are sung Additionally –use familiar tunes during the rest of the Cursillo Weekend Using familiar tunes allows for a relaxed, friendly atmosphere of joining in, rather than being directed.
<b>Page 16 Friday 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Are we not supposed to sing <i>De Colores</i> until the first morning?</b> FAQ Music #3	Does the mood of <i>De Colores</i> fit with Thursday's reflective atmosphere? <i>De Colores</i> is first sung on Friday before the Habitual Grace rollo. Then it can be sung occasionally on the other days. See Appendix 1G-1
	<b>Is there supposed to be a song verse <u>prior to each rollo</u>?</b> FAQ Music #1	See in this <i>Reference Guide</i> <b>Page 8, 10:45 Thursday Night Team Meeting list 9<sup>TH</sup> bullet</b> (song initiator designated) Also see Appendix 1G-1 (song before rollos)
	<b>What is the origin of the <i>De Colores</i> song?</b> FAQ Music #4	See more in this <i>Reference Guide</i> page 11 Friday 11:00am <u>Apprentice Christian page 106</u> - <u>not pious</u> (hymns) [so as not to frighten the far away] <u>[Study of the Charism page 145]</u> expressions of encouragement and emotions; detoxify and to oxygenize <u>Study of the Charism page 145</u> anthem and symbol Also see <u>Cursillo History &amp; Memory page 51 -52</u> for an interesting and more detailed explanation
	<b>"silly songs"</b> FAQ Music #2	See in this <i>Reference Guide</i> <b>Page 8, 10:45 Thursday Night Team Meeting list 9<sup>TH</sup> bullet</b>
	<b>Wouldn't it be easier to give out song books to help with the music?</b> FAQ Music #5	See Appendix 1G-1 The songs are used to engage on a personal level. A song book or song sheet focuses attention on the song, not the interaction and fun of the people. On the last day they can be given a book of songs as a memento if this is a practice in your area.
<b>BREAKS &amp; "BRIGHTENING THE ATMOSPHERE"</b>	<b>What is meant by "brightening the atmosphere"? (from Appendix 1A-1 about recurring events)</b>	See in this <i>Reference Guide</i> <b>Page 6, 10:45 pm Thursday Night Team Meeting</b>

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