

ULTREYA FORMAT

- 7:00pm Opening – Prayer to the Holy Spirit with optional song.
- 7:05pm Small Group Reunion
Utilizing the Service Sheet and the same format as the Friendship Group Reunion, Cursillistas form small groups of 3 or 4 for a general sharing of their tripod (Piety, Study, Action).
- 7:30pm Lay Witness Rollo (5-10 min.)
The Cursillista elaborates on how he or she strives to live what is fundamental for being Christian, love of God, neighbor and the world.
- The type of witnessing one may hear at Ultreya:
- ‘Me and God’ type of witness (If his/her Cursillo was **recent**, it might start with “Since I made my Cursillo...”)
 - ‘Growing union with Christ’ witness. “I have studied Scripture (or read a book) to know Christ better and here is how it applies to my life”
 - ‘Make a friend, be a friend, introduce that friend to Christ’...
“Here is how I am working through the process of leading a friend to Christ...”
 - “I am living what is fundamental for being a Christian in my family/neighborhood/environment by...”
- 7:40 Two or Three Echoes (2-3 min. each)
A brief sharing that provides an “echo” to the witness that has been presented. An affirmation of what the witness speaker shared and confirmation with a similar personal experience. These people should be chosen before the Ultreya to respond briefly, **no longer than 2 -3 minutes each**. They should hear the witness beforehand to as to formulate an appropriate response.
- 7:45 Spiritual Wrapup (5 min.)
The Spiritual Advisor (priest, deacon or vowed religious) if available summarizes all that was shared by the witness and echoes and puts in proper perspective with the Gospel. To be prepared, the Spiritual Advisor should meet with the witness speaker before the Ultreya. If a Spiritual Advisor is not available, comments can be shared from the rest of those gathered.
- 7:50 Announcements
- 7:55 Closing Prayers – If possible before the Blessed Sacrament.
The visit to the Blessed Sacrament unifies the Ultreya community. Prayers of praise and thanksgiving, The Lords Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be. End with an opportunity to offer as a community, Palanca for the Movement; local, national, and worldwide.
- 8:00pm Closing Song (optional) and Social time

The Witness Rollo at Ultreya

The purpose of the witness rollo at Ultreya is to encourage your brothers and sisters in their efforts to become better apostles, in their efforts to be the Lord's instruments in the many environments they find themselves in – family, neighborhood, workplace and social environments. The witness should therefore be centered on our evangelizing efforts – of how the Lord is working through me to build up His Kingdom.

General sharing can always be inspirational and valuable, but the specific role you are filling is to witness to current evangelizing efforts. That, too, can be most inspirational and encouraging to the Ultreya pilgrims and is exactly what the Ultreya witness is all about: RECENT evangelizing efforts.

What the witness should NOT be:

- It should not be sensational or dramatic
- It should not be a sermon, nor should it be instruction to Catholicism
- It should not be longer than 10 minutes
- It should not be too emotional
- It should not be an outpouring of personal troubles that ends in a call for help
- It should not be a propaganda message for his or her own favorite cause or organization

What the Witness Rollo SHOULD be:

- It should be personal – your life lived out as a Christian – how the Lord is working through you.
- It should be concrete and practical – carried out in the normal flow of your life.
- It should be centered on and be about Christ, how you were His instrument
- It should be centered in the present, not something that happened six months ago
- It should be descriptive – explaining who, how and what of the details necessary to make your witness clear
- It should concentrate on one or two points, rather than a series of examples
- It should be as informal as if you are sharing it with a friend ~ you are!
- A brief Scripture passage can be used that will tie into your witness

The Gospel of John (1:38-39) says that Andrew and another disciple of John the Baptist asked Jesus where He lived, and He answered: "Come and see." It continues, "They went where He lived and remained with Him that day." The events that followed show that those two men went and saw; they lived together and encouraged each other in Christ. They then went on to bear much fruit. This then, is the witness we share at Ultreya; the fruit we bear through Christ living in us.

*** This outline is a basic guide to be used

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