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- Remember loved ones at the Memorial Mass for the Dead on Nov.6 @ 2pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Indoor and live-stream mass. See email announcements for details.
- Save the Date for the 2021 Cursillo Christmas Mass and fellowship on Dec. 6 at St. Elizabeth parish. Watch out for email Invitations next weeks.
- Stand up and be counted. See you at the monthly Ultreya, every first week of the month. Watch out for the monthly Zoom meeting email invitation.
- Keep showing up – the SOL is counting on you! See you at the School Leaders, every 3rd Friday of the month. Watch out for the Zoom meeting email invites and Facebook announcements.
- Let's pray for your intentions. Join the Call to Pray the (Cursillo Family) Rosary every Monday at 7:30pm via WebEx. Use the same meeting ID and passcode for all WebEx meetings.
- Offer prayer palancas for the 3-Day Cursillo committee, as they prepare to implement the Step By Step for the 3-Day Weekends in 2022.
- Support the National Cursillo Movement. Pledge donation to the \$3/Yr. campaign and/or register at Amazon Smile to donate a percentage of your purchases in Amazon. Visit the National Cursillo website for more details, please visit www.natl-cursillo.org

From the Spiritual Director's Desk

The Church's stand on abortion

Currently, the Texas law banning abortion sparked debates. We've asked Fr. Francis to reply to some questions that need to be answered. He gives a clear view of the Church's stand on abortion.
By Fr. Francis Kalaw

The Catholic Church's position on abortion is clear. In the magisterial document *Donum Vitae* (The Gift of Life) the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith affirmed that, "The human being is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception; and therefore from that same moment his rights as a person must be recognized, among which in the first place is the inviolable right of every innocent human being to life," (Sec I.1) Direct abortion, or the intentional killing of a human being living in the womb, is always seriously immoral because as persons the right-to-life is the most basic and fundamental right we possess.

If the Bible absolutely forbids abortion, is there any dogma related to exemptions to abortion like saving a life, or victims of rape, incest? If yes, which dogma and what does it say? If there is no exemption, how do we address victims of rape and incest?

In Romans 12:21 Paul says that we should not be conquered by evil but that we should conquer evil with good. The act of rape is a grave sin and an injustice that claims too many people, most often women and children, as victims. The Church teaches that victims of rape deserve immediate medical, emotional and spiritual care. The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services (#36) states that Catholic healthcare providers have a duty to provide this care and to prevent the contraction of disease or the conception of a child. However, if a child is conceived in a pregnancy caused by rape, then this child is just as innocent and precious as the woman who was victimized and he or she should not be killed because of the actions of the rapist. The Church teaches that through mercy and love, a non-violent solution for both mother and child is far superior to helping a victim of violence (the raped woman) commit violence against her own child through abortion.

Source: <https://dphx.org/respect-life/know-the-issues/abortion/>

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The argument against abortion is that basically, life is God's will and no man should have power over life. But at the close of the 20th century, great leaps have been made in cloning and its possibility as a cure for cancer. But cloning, like artificial insemination, is fast becoming a part of modern-day life. Has there been a definite dogma against cloning and artificial insemination?

Cloning

Cloning is a complex procedure by which scientists take a body cell such as a skin cell (somatic cell) and render the cell's nucleus into a primitive state so it is capable of guiding the development of another human being under the right conditions.

No one has yet engendered a human being through cloning but many scientists believe that this is only a question of time.

There are a number of reasons why someone would try to engender a new human life through cloning. None would be morally legitimate. For example, a couple may want to use a cell from a dying child to clone another baby as a way of perpetuating the life of the first child. Obviously, this would not be a continuation of the dying child but the bringing into being of a new child. The dying child would become the "progenitor" of a new life without having agreed to it; the new child would not be treated as a unique individual with his or her own identity but as an extension of another person.

A man or woman might also want to have a baby without getting married or involving a parent of the opposite sex. This would be terribly unfair to the child, depriving him or her of a natural father and mother.

Some may want to clone themselves, thinking that they are so intelligent and successful that a child with their attributes would be a great gift to society. This would be an act of supreme selfishness that would also deprive a child of a mother and a father.

Anticipating that one day the cloning of a human being might be attempted, Donum Vitae said this: "Attempts or hypotheses for obtaining a human being without any connection with sexuality through 'twin fission,' cloning or parthenogenesis are to be considered contrary to the moral law, since they are in opposition to the dignity both of human procreation and of the conjugal union."

In Vitro Fertilization

One reproductive technology which the Church has clearly and unequivocally judged to be immoral is in vitro fertilization or IVF. Unfortunately, most Catholics are not aware of the Church's teaching, do not know that IVF is immoral, and some have used it in attempting to have children. If a couple is unaware that the procedure is immoral, they are not subjectively guilty of sin. Children conceived through this procedure are children of God and are loved by their parents, as they should be. Like all children, regardless of the circumstances of their conception and birth, they should be loved, cherished and cared for.

But why, exactly, is IVF immoral?

In vitro fertilization brings about new life in a petri dish. Children engendered through IVF are sometimes known as "test tube babies." Several eggs are aspirated from the woman's ovary after she has taken a fertility drug which causes a number of eggs to mature at the same time. Semen is collected from the man, usually through masturbation. The egg and sperm are ultimately joined in a glass dish, where conception takes place and the new life is allowed to develop for several days. In the simplest case, embryos are then transferred to the mother's womb in the hope that one will survive to term.

Obviously, IVF eliminates the marriage act as the means of achieving pregnancy, instead of helping it achieve this natural end.

Human beings bear the image and likeness of God. They are to be revered as sacred. Never are they to be used as a means to an end, not even to satisfy the deepest wishes of an infertile couple. Husbands and wives "make love," they do not "make babies." They give expression to their love for one another, and a child may or may not be engendered by that act of love.

Source: Begotten Not Made: A Catholic View of Reproductive Technology by John M. Haas, Ph.D., S.T.L. <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/reproductive-technology>



The debate goes on when a fetus can be called a living being. If life can't be clearly defined and the soul can't be quantified, can artificial intelligence (AI) qualify as living beings?

In Rome last February 28, 2020, the Pontifical Academy for Life, Microsoft, IBM, the Italian Ministry of Innovation, signed as first the "Call for an AI Ethics", a document developed to support an ethical approach to Artificial Intelligence and promote a sense of responsibility among organizations to create a future in which digital innovation and technological progress serve human genius and creativity and not their gradual replacement.

The document says: "AI systems must be conceived, designed and implemented to serve and protect human beings and the environment in which they live. This fundamental outlook must translate into a commitment to create living conditions (both social and personal) that allow both groups and individual members to strive to fully express themselves where possible."

Source: *Pontifical Academy for Life*. <https://www.academyforlife.va>

When AI is self-aware, is it alive? If so, is that kind of life also only allowed and protected by God?

Thus far, there has not been any definitive answer/teaching from the leadership of the Catholic Church with regards to whether there is life or not. Pope Francis continues to dialogue with institutions through the Pontifical Academy for Life.

When a national election occurs and abortion is hijacked as a political platform, what does it mean when the pastor exhorts the faithful saying, "vote according to your conscience"? If one votes "no" to the party's pro-abortion but exclusive policies, is that voter committing a sin? Is not excluding women, other ethnic groups, people with different sexual orientations also anti-life? Is it right to be anti-abortion and be misogynist, xenophobic, homophobic?

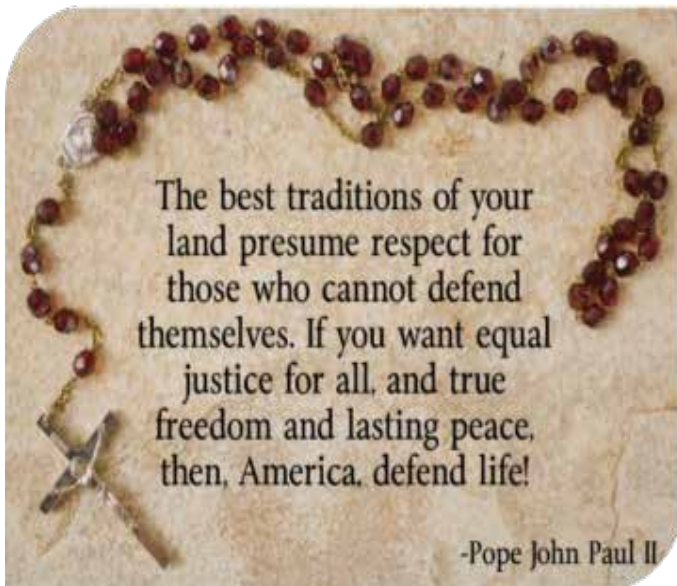
Building a world of respect for human life and dignity, where justice and peace prevail, requires more than just political commitment. Individuals, families, businesses, community organizations, and governments all have a role to play. Participation in political life in light of fundamental moral principles is an essential duty for every Catholic and all people of good will.

The Church is involved in the political process but is not partisan. The Church cannot champion any candidate or party. Our cause is the defense of human life and dignity and the protection of the weak and vulnerable.

The Church is engaged in the political process but should not be used. We welcome dialogue with political leaders and candidates; we seek to engage and persuade public officials. Events and photo ops cannot substitute for serious dialogue.

The Church is principled but not ideological. As St. John Paul II wrote in his encyclical, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*:

"The Church's social doctrine is not...an ideology, but rather the accurate formulation of the results of a careful reflection on the complex realities of human existence, in society and in the international order, in the light of faith and of the Church's tradition. Its main aim is to interpret these realities, determining their conformity with or divergence from the lines of the Gospel teaching on man and his vocation, a vocation which is at once earthly and transcendent; its aim is thus to guide Christian behavior. It therefore belongs to the field, not of ideology, but of theology and particularly of moral theology." (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, no. 41)



We cannot compromise basic principles or moral teaching. We are committed to clarity about our moral teaching and to civility. In public life, it is important to practice the virtues of charity and justice that are at the core of our Tradition. We should work with others in a variety of ways to advance our moral principles.

In light of these principles and the blessings we share as part of a free and democratic nation, we bishops vigorously repeat our call for a renewed kind of politics:

- Focused more on moral principles than on the latest polls
- Focused more on the needs of the weak than on benefits for the strong
- Focused more on the pursuit of the common good than on the demands of narrow interests

Cursillistas in the Community



Oldest Fil-Am organization in Silicon Valley. The Filipino Community (Filcom) of Santa Clara County, Inc celebrated its 88th year at the Filipino Community Center in Japantown last August 7. Bro. Joe Esteves was keynote speaker. Fr. Tito Cartagenas officiated the blessings. Bro. Reuben Regucera (right in photo above) chaired the souvenir program committee and led the Filcom line and folk dancers. Local historian Robert Ragsac (middle in photo above) presented the history of Japantown when it was Pinoytown in the 1930s. Cursillistas from Holy Cross parish were also there. Photo by Sis. Robin Barkin



Fr. Andy installed at St. Elizabeth, Milpitas. Bishop Oscar Cantu installed Fr. Andy Ligot (standing with lei) as pastor at St. Elizabeth last September 19. (From left:) Sis. Marcy Cunanan, Sis. Flor, Sis. Mercie Cereno, Sis. Sandra Mirasol and daughter Cathy were among the many Cursillistas who attended the jam-packed event. Photo by Sis. Robin Barkin



More Cursillistas at Fr. Andy's installation Gathered at lunch were (from left, standing:) Sis. Melinda Collins, Bro. Harvey Barkin, Bro. Mario Lucas, Fr. Francis Kalaw, Fr. Andy Ligott, Sis. Elena Sebastian, Sis. Anna Mampusti, Bro. Sam Sebastian and a friend. Seated (from left:) Sis. Robin Barkin, Rose Morales and Sis. Desi Lucas.



Where do priests retire? Too early for heaven, Fr. Joe Galang went to New Mexico and visited other celestial beings. Photo contributed by Fr. Joe Galang

The Church's stand on abortion... cont'd

This kind of political participation reflects the social teaching of our Church and the best traditions of our nation.

Our 1998 statement, Living the Gospel of Life, declares, "Abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human life and dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental good and the condition for all others" (no. 5). Abortion, the deliberate killing of a human being before birth, is never morally acceptable and must always be opposed.

Laws that legitimize any of these practices are profoundly unjust and immoral. Our Conference supports laws and policies to protect human life to the maximum degree possible, including constitutional protection for the unborn and legislative efforts to end abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia. We also promote a culture of life by supporting laws and programs that encourage childbirth and adoption over abortion and by addressing poverty, providing health care, and offering other assistance to pregnant women, children, and families.

Source: Document on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2020.



Belated B-day lunch for Fr. Francis Fr. Francis Kalaw's September 9 birthday lunch was celebrated on September 11 at his choice spot, Dusty Trails in Gilroy. Among the Cursillistas who dove into brisket and pulled pork were (from left:) Sis. Marcy Reyes, Fr. Francis Kalaw and Bro. Chito De Quinto. Photo by Sis. Robin Barkin

How was your Weekend?



Bro. Mario Lucas

When was your Cursillo Weekend and who was your rector?

My first Cursillo encounter was in 2014. I was apprehensive about what the Weekend would entail. But I came out deeply influenced by the whole retreat weekend experience. It helped renew and enhanced my faith life. We had a very good weekend staff led by our rector, Titus Raceles.

What part or activity of your Weekend was the most meaningful or made you decide to change your life? How and Why?

Everyone experiences something different and is touched differently by the Weekend experience. I find Piety, Study and Action the necessary ingredients to share my walk with Christ. It enhanced my prayer life, learned more about God, deepened my faith and developed my apostolate. This also encouraged me to join in the activities of the Cursillo, working together with my fellow brothers and sisters who have experienced the Weekend ahead of me.

How did you apply this decision when you came out of your Cursillo Weekend? Or what was the life-changing situation that occurred that prompted you to go back to Christ?

After Cursillo Weekend, and the follow-up activities such as Ultreya and School of Leaders, retreats and recollections, my faith deepened and I felt the desire to learn more. I appreciated attending Sunday Masses more and attended daily Masses whenever possible. I have a new longing for prayer and have learned how to rely on prayers in my daily life. I can talk more freely about my faith. I have learned how to ask for forgiveness. I gained good friendships with great people, community. (Bro. Mario Lucas)



Sis. Eleanor Licup

When was your Cursillo Weekend and who was your rector/rectora?

It was August 2015 with Sis. Robin Barkin.

What part or activity of your Weekend was the most meaningful or made you decide to change your life? How and why?

The most meaningful are the rollos especially when they discussed the Sacraments. The Rollos gave clarifications and gave me the backbone to defend my faith. Really made me love more our Catholic faith.

How did you apply this decision when you came out of your Cursillo Weekend? Or what was the life-changing situation that occurred that prompted you to go back to Christ?

Made me more at peace, in general. Although there are chaos and pandemic in the world, I know that God is always in control. We just have to follow His will and always trust in Him. (Sis. Eleanor Licup)



My 4th Day in Songs

Picture this: you were invited to deliver the 4th Day talk and you didn't work on it at all. Now, you're in the car headed for the Clausura. The Cursillistas in the car with you rolled out the red carpet just to bring you to the Weekend. They put you in a fully loaded vehicle and also, to shame.

You feel awful because they're giving you deluxe treatment but you can't tell them to shut off the music because you might offend them. You're concentrating hard and writing your talk in your mind but it's too hard to focus. This was happening to me. Since I don't know them very well, there was nothing else to talk about after the weather. So, the Cursillista riding shotgun is playing non-stop music with the satellite radio and the CD player. He's playing everything from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s, even OPM, hoping I won't get bored.

But all I want is to write my talk. And all I can see was the blinking digital displaying the artist performing the song playing. Then I remembered my creative writing instructor who said, "If you come up against a block, don't go against it. Get around it and find the narrow focus, find a pattern." I also remembered a krav maga practitioner who told me, "in a desperate situation, don't mess around with the chi and that kung-fu secret breathing non-sense. Grab what you can and strike."

When the SUV passed a billboard at the entry to an outlet, I could've sworn the Nike check mark logo looked like a flying bird. I wondered if this was a sign from the Holy Spirit. Then I saw the slogan, "Just do it." So, this is what happened to my talk.

This is also a cautionary tale to anyone who didn't prepare before delivering their talk.

After my Cursillo Weekend, the Piety Talk made a lasting impression on me. I was where you are right now, Brothers. The talk told us about the personalities we'd encounter when we got back. To expect a **Pharisaical Pete** and a **Mechanical Mike**. But I encountered totally different personalities.

So, the next Sunday I went to my parish, ready to match wits with a **Holy Joe**. But I encountered a gloom and doom dude who I will call **MC Hammer** because he told me, (From "Pray" sing:) **"We got to pray just to make it today. Pray, pray."**

Totally not what I expected. I backtracked and saw a grim-looking lector with a veil and a blue sash. I wanted to strike a conversation with her and tell her there should be joy in proclaiming the word.

But she was a diva like **Mariah Carey** and she told me (From "Make it happen" sing:), **"If you get down on your knees at night and pray to the Lord He's gonna make it happen."** That effectively shut me down.

I realized maybe it was too soon to evangelize on my own. So, I went back to my Cursillo group and attended the School of Leaders and the Ultreyas.

I embraced our diocesan Movement and one of the **Sisters Sledge** welcomed me with (From "We are Family," sing:) **"We are family. All my brothers, sisters and me!"**

I also found when I needed to petition or consolation, like when I was going through surgery or when a loved one passed away, some of them like **Dionne Warwick** would tell me (From "I say a little prayer," sing:) **"I say a little prayer for you ... Forever, forever, you'll stay in my heart."**

Typically, Cursillistas who just came out of their Weekend can't keep their feelings to themselves. Just like **John Travolta** who said (From "You're the one that I want," sing:) **"I got chills they're multiplying and I'm losing control ... it's electrifying."**

But there are also Cursillistas like **George Michael** who indulge in **Careless Whispers**. I told him we shouldn't gossip about other people's lives outside the group reunion. This kind of disturbed me.

Because the Cursillo seeks out agents of change to affect the environment, many Cursillistas are natural born leaders and quite impatient.

When nothing seemed to happen immediately after their Weekend, some of them complained like **Mick Jagger** who said (From "I can't get no satisfaction, sing:) **"I can't get no satisfaction. Cause I try and I try and I try."**

Even though, at the start, they were eager like **Peter Frampton** who would stick by veteran Cursillista and say (From "Show me the way," sing:) **"I want you to show me the way."**

Sadly, some of them don't stay like **Gary Valenciano** who just one day gave up and said (From "Di bale na lang," sing:) **"Hindi ko na alam kung makakaya ko pa. 'Di bale na lang kaya."**

I was troubled by all these because nothing seemed to be going right.



My 4th Day in Songs... cont'd

At first, I approached a nice, non-committal couple about my issues. I'll call them **Peaches and Herb** because they discouraged me from disturbing the status quo, saying (From "Rock the boat," sing:) **"Said, I'd like to know where you got the notion. Rock the boat. Oh don't rock the boat, baby. Rock the boat. Don't tip the boat over."**

I just didn't get clarity and got disappointed.

So, I asked a seasoned Cursillista who used to part his hair in the middle and wore round lenses.

I will call him **John Lennon** because he advised me (From "Let it be," sing:), **"When I find myself in trouble, Mother Mary comes to me. Speaking words of wisdom, let it be. And in the hour of darkness, she is standing right in front of me. There will be an answer, let it be."**

Somewhat reassured, I thought maybe I should broaden my perspective and see what other Movements are doing. You see, the Cursillo is a world-wide movement. So I went to the Region XI Encounter.

At the Regional, I was amazed at how the Hispanics do it. They started the Cursillo movement. And they made it look easy. One Cursillista whom I will call **Carlos Santana** evangelized this way (From "Evil ways," sing:) **"You've got to change your evil way, Baby ... Lord knows, you got to change"**

But the newest Cursillistas were the Koreans, whose way to evangelize was a bit trendy. They would say: "Christ is counting on ... (From **Wonder girls'** "Nobody:") **"nobody, nobody but you! Nobody, nobody but you!"**

After the Regional, I was somewhat re-charged and ready for the next challenge in my Cursillo life.

I served under a rector who I will call **Barry Manilow**. He liked saccharine songs and was sentimental and seemed to live only for the Cursillo Weekend. So he says (From "Trying to get that feeling again," sing:) **"I've been up, down, tryin' to get the feeling again. All around tryin' to get the feeling again. That one that made me shiver. Make my knees start to quiver. I've look high, low, everywhere I possibly can."**

A few years later I served under a totally different rector. He refused to do it the Cursillo way. We showed him the constitution, the manuals. But he defied everyone. I call him **Frank Sinatra** because he said (From "My way," sing:) **"I ate it up and spit it out. I faced it all and I stood tall. And did it my way!"**

But the real struggle came when a group of Cursillistas banded together and expressed their desire to disagree with policy at that time. They felt strongly about including the mananita with the outside community and wanted it to remain as part of the Weekend which was contrary to the policy at that time.

There were some postal carriers, a few National Guard reservists and even a UPS dude. That's a lot of uniforms, so I called them the **Village People** because their anthem was (From "You can't stop the music," sing:) **"You can't stop the music! Nobody can stop the music!"**

Because of opposing passions, our Movement was in danger of non-compliance and being dissolved.

There were many Cursillistas caught in between just like **Karen Carpenter** who cried (From "Hurting each other, sing:) **"Can't we stop hurting each other. Gotta stop hurting each other. Making each other cry. Breaking each other's heart. Tearing each other apart."**

This was also the time I realized that the sisters, not the brothers, wore the pants in the Movement. Because one sister, like **Katy Perry** roared (From "Roar," sing:) **"I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter. Dancing through the fire. 'Cause I am a champion. And you're gonna hear me roar. Louder, louder than a lion. 'Cause I am a champion. And you're gonna hear me roar. (Oh-oh-oh-oh) (Oh-oh-oh-oh) you'll hear me roar. (Oh-oh-oh-oh) you're gonna hear me roar."**

Then a few sisters banded together and took a page from the **Village People**. Like the **Jackson 5** they vowed to continue the Cursillo come what may and they promised each other (From "I'll be there," sing:) **"You and I must make a pact. We must bring salvation back. Whenever you need me, I'll be there!"**

In the following years, our re-booted Cursillo movement in San Jose has persevered even through times when recruitment was low and in one year, when recruits did not show in the Weekend.

Today we say (From **Labuyo's** "Tuloy pa rin ako," sing:), **"Wala nang mangyayari kung pag-isipan pa. Tuloy tuloy na lang. Sa puso at isipan, tuloy pa rin ako."**

I once saw a bumper sticker that said, "The trouble with life is that it has no background music."

The little stories I told you are true. I just added the background music.

The Cursillo has given you the means to lead an extraordinary life. Life with Dialog Clarity and DTS Trusurround combined as it were.

The take-away from all this is that, Brothers, when you go back to your environment, you will find that you have changed but the world has not.

The Cursillo has given you a way of looking at life that we hope you will use to affect the places where you live, work and play. Sometimes, people won't understand you and somethings will stand out very clear to you but not to them.

Beyond going to Bible study, singing in the choir and being a lector, the Cursillo is more than that. It should now be your way of life. Your faith life should not end when you cut the guy in the parking lot after you just said "peace be with you" to him at Mass.

De Colores but all about colors will be another story. (This is a slightly revised version of the 4th Day Talk by Bro. Harvey Barkin in 2018)



Cursillo Manual vs Step by Step Comparison Saturday- Second Day

CURSILLO MANUAL		STEP BY STEP RECTOR'S GUIDE	
6:40 AM	Arise	7:00 AM	Arise
7:100 AM	Morning Prayer & Sabatina (Optional) Appendix 3	7:30 AM	4th Meditation "The Person of Christ"
7:30 AM	4th Meditation "The Person of Christ"	8:00 AM	Mass
8:00 AM	Breakfast	8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:45 AM	Study Rollo		
9:45 AM	Free time		Appendix 12: The Story of John Rector Refers to Palanca Received
10:00 AM	Sacraments Rollo Part 1	10:45 AM	Sacraments Rollo
10:50 AM	Free time		
11:00 AM	:		
12:00 PM	Free Time, Prepare for Mass	12:30 PM	Lunch
12:15 PM	Mass		
1:00 PM	Lunch and free time	2:30 PM	Action Rollo
2:00 PM	Discussion & Summary of Sacraments Rollo		
2:45 PM	Action Rollo	4:00 PM	Obstacles to the Life of Grace Rollo
3:45 PM	Free time		
4:00 PM	Obstacles to the Life of Grace Rollo	6:00 PM	Dinner
5:10 PM	Free time	7:30 PM	Leaders Rollo
5:25 PM	Leaders Rollo	8:15 PM	Rosary
6:30 PM	Dinner and free time	9:00 PM	Fiesta Social Gathering Songs, Fellowship, Games
7:30 PM	Summary and poster of the day	10:00 PM	Present Summaries & Poster
8:00 PM	Rosary		
8:30 PM	Present Summaries & Poster	11:00 PM	Examination of Conscience / Night Prayer
9:15 PM	Sharing (Songs & Fellowship)		Retire
10:00 PM	Examination of Conscience / Night Prayer	11:30 PM	Team Leaders Meeting
10:10 PM	Retire		
	Visit with Heads and Secretaries		
10:30 PM	Team Meeting		

A priest walks into a bar

Three engineering students are discussing what sort of god must have designed the human body. The first says, "God must be a mechanical engineer. Look at all the joints." The second says, "I think God must be an electrical engineer. The nervous system has thousands of electrical connections." The third says, "Actually, God is a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"

Moses trudges down from Mt. Sinai, tablets in hand, and announced to the assembled multitudes, "I've got good news and I've got bad news. The good news is I got Him down to 10. The bad news is adultery is still in."

At a meeting of the college faculty, an angel suddenly appears and tells the head of Philosophy department, "I will grant you whichever of the three blessings you choose: Wisdom, Beauty – or 10 million dollars." Immediately, the professor chooses wisdom. There is a flash of lightning and the professor appears transformed but he just sits there staring at the table. One of his colleagues whispers, "Say something." The professor says, "I should have taken the money."

(All jokes from: Plato and a Platypus walk into a bar by Thomas Cathcart and Daniel Klein, Abrams Image 2007)

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