

SCHOOL OF LEADERS
REPORT TO THE SECRETARIAT
8/26/08

I am happy to report that the August Schools of Leaders were well attended. We had 16 on August 5 and 11 on August 20 (total 27), which is an average size for the School of Leaders and I think quite well-attended for the end of the summer when a lot of people are on vacation.

I have managed to arrange for someone to give the presentations between now and December, 2008, including Bishop Vann in November. I have asked that the schedule of presentations be added to the next Pass It On and placed on the website to encourage more people to attend. A copy is also attached to this report. Unfortunately, I have just found out that Mary Casselman will not be able to do the presentations in October. I will proceed with filling those vacancies as soon as possible. I have also asked that the overview of the upcoming topics be placed on the website.

I have tried to implement more Piety into the School of Leaders. We will try to end each session with a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. Our August Schools of Leaders broke open the Leaders Prayer and reflected upon its meaning as we begin the current school year. The combined result is attached and I have also asked that it be included in the next Pass It On.

In addition to trying to work on more Piety in the School of Leaders, I am also endeavoring to share the knowledge of the attendees as well as learn from the presenters. To that end, I have asked that the attendees break up into Decurias and discuss the presentation and then present the results of their discussion to the entire group—just like on a Cursillo weekend. I have received favorable responses so far to this new format.

Also, in relation to Piety, I have been giving out the Leaders Prayer and St. Michael Prayer cards and asking that people take them with them to remind them to pray for the Cursillo Movement as a whole whenever possible.

I want to confirm that we will be voting on the Coordinators for the Spring weekends at December School of Leaders. I envision the nomination and voting to be opened at the beginning of the Tuesday School of Leaders and closed at the end of the Wednesday School of Leaders. No results will be published until after the end of the Wednesday School of Leaders. I would also like the Nominations to be as confidential as possible to encourage more nominations. I think once a name is mentioned for a position, people stop looking for nominees.

Please keep in mind, whenever I say "I", I mean with the Lord's help, because I am counting on Him.