

SCHOOL OF LEADERS
REPORT TO SECRETARIAT

March 23, 2010

Attendance for the month of March was average. There were 10 people at the Tuesday School (counting me), and 16 attended at the Wednesday School (including me). Gary Marcucci's presentation on how to come to consensus was very informative, including some practical experience at coming to consensus by an exercise of prioritizing life-saving items if you crash landed on the moon (Tuesday) or were adrift at sea (Wednesday).

Many of the attendees at the Wednesday School appeared to believe that the topic of how to come to consensus was in order to try and come to consensus regarding the issue of Mananitas. Many expressed their opinion regarding the issue from both perspectives, including a new-comer to the Fort Worth English Cursillo, but with extensive experience in other dioceses, including Bloomington, Indiana and San Antonio, Texas. He spoke about his experience with moving toward exclusion of the non-essentials, Eduardo Bonin's comments regarding the non-essentials and community turmoil during the process. Several members of the School are pushing toward a vote to determine if Mananitas should be added back into the weekend schedule and pointed toward the consensus that was had at the attendees of Schools of Leaders in January (the open forums) and the vote that was taken at one of the Schools of Leaders in February. I expressed again, that the consensus in January and the vote at only one School of Leaders in February could not and should not be binding upon the entire Community since notice that a consensus would be attempted or a vote would be taken was not provided to the Community allowing the opportunity for others to attend and voice their concerns or vote.

The suggestion was also made for a questionnaire to be sent to the entire Community for a determination regarding the issue of Mananitas and other non-essentials on the weekend, but no decision was reached since distribution of the questionnaire via the Ebulletin would not reach the entire Community and a written questionnaire may not be feasible.

Extensive discussion was had and the School on Wednesday ran late into the evening. The consensus appeared to be that a decision needs to be made and a consensus is not possible on the issue of Mananitas.

Additional suggestions made by the community included the extension of the 4 week deadline for 12 candidates to make the weekend. It is felt that this is too early. Also, the fact that the SOL meets twice a month and should be changed back to once a month. I expressed that these are in the Bylaws and if anyone wishes to change the Bylaws that needs to be submitted to the Secretariat and School of Leaders and voted on. I referred the person who made the proposals to Louis Sanchez who had volunteered in January to Chair a Bylaws Committee to consider changes to the Bylaws.

The Fort Worth Cursillo Community will be hosting the Regional Encounter October 29-30, 2010 and formation of a Committee in relation thereto will need to be commenced as soon as possible.

Also, Nominations will be accepted at the April School of Leaders for the upcoming places on the Secretariat: Three Day Coordinator, Treasurer, Palanca Coordinator, and School of Leaders Coordinator. Deacon Bill Johnson is scheduled to speak on "Sacraments" at the April 21, 2010, School of Leaders. However, since he can only commit to attending one School of Leaders per month, it is suggested for the month of April, that we cancel the April 6 Class and encourage all to attend for a meet and greet with Deacon Bill. In addition, I will be out of town on May 4, 2010, so it is suggested that for the month of May, that we cancel the May 4, 2010 SOL.

Respectfully submitted,

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