

August 3d and 18th 2010
FORT WORTH ENGLISH SCHOOL OF LEADERS

A total of 18 Cursillistas and 3 guests/speakers attended the SOLs in August 2010.

Although attendance was not what it could be, both presentations were outstanding and Father Carmen Mele and Deacon Len Sanchez made attending very worth while.

August 3, 2010

At 7:15 pm Deacon Len Sanchez held a word service for those present in the chapel.

There were 6 Cursillistas plus Deacon Len and his wife present.

Deacon Sanchez opened the SOL with a prayer which was followed by the leader's prayer.

Announcements were made by Dan Martin:

Women's Cursillo is scheduled for 9/30/2010 – 10/3/2010.

Men's Cursillo is scheduled for 11/4/2010 – 11/7/2010.

Dan Martin read the abbreviated Secretariat Minutes.

Deacon Len Sanchez talked on the role of the Laity today. What is our role? How are we called? He said that in the past the laity defaulted most of the ministry of the Church to ordained clergy and the brothers and sisters who assisted them. This role has changed over the last 40 years and we are now called to help in ministries and share in the nature of Christ as prophets, Priests and Kings. He has given this talk a few times and if you have a chance to hear him speak, I highly recommend it.

We ended the meeting, on time, with a Prayer

August 18, 2010

At 7:00 pm Father Francis said Mass for those present in the chapel.

There were 15 Cursillistas plus Father Carmen Mele present. Three Cursillistas also attended the August 3d SOL.

Father Carmen opened the SOL with a prayer which was followed by the leader's prayer.

Announcements were made by Dan Martin:

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The Region 8 Conference will be on October 29-30.

Dan Martin read the abbreviated Secretariat Minutes.

Father Carmen talked about the Lay Ministry and the Lay Ministry Formation Program.

Some of the points he made during his talk:

- Lay persons today are doing what was exclusively done by the clergy 40 years ago. We are co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

- There is a difference in the terms Ministry of the Laity and Lay Ministry.

- Ministry of the Laity is what we do as lay persons – Order the world to the Gospel (In our environments).

- Lay Ministry refers to all those things Lay persons do that only clergy, brothers, and sisters did 40 years ago.

The Lay Ministry Formation Program was formerly known as the Light of Christ Institute. It is now 2 years instead of 4 years long and concentrates on practical application more than it did previously. This program is open to all and prepares persons to fully participate in Lay Ministry. If you are interested, look at the Web Site for the Fort Worth Diocese.

Then we discussed the conduct of SOLs in the two meeting per month format. We agreed on a six month test using one meeting per month, but will not implement it until the October 5th SOL. This will give those who were not present a chance to comment. After discussion on various days including Saturdays, the group present suggested the 1st Tuesday of the month be the day used.

We closed with a prayer.

Dan Martin
SOL Coordinator