

RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE TALKS

The Rollos given on a weekend are not stand alone talks. Each talk, given by 15 different people, represents one part of the overall picture. Said another way, there is one Rollo on a weekend divided into 15 different parts and given by 15 different people.

Clergy Talks

The first clergy talk, Grace, defines the Christian ideal to be the Life in Grace. It further defines Life in Grace to be a personal relationship with God.

The remaining clergy talks explore ways of maintaining and strengthening that relationship.

The Rollo on

Says that the relationship is maintained

Holy Spirit

By help from God and through our brothers

Sacred Moments of Grace

Through union with Christ Himself, and through the special aids He instituted.

Obstacles to a life in Grace

Through prayer, denial of self, spiritual direction, etc., to avoid the pitfalls of sin, the alternative to grace.

Life in Grace

By making a specific commitment to pious practices, to study, to action, to growth in the relationship.

Another way of looking at the clergy talks is to group them into talks about living grace and talks about overcoming difficulties and barriers to a fuller life in grace.

Grace	}	-----	Living Grace
Sacred Mmnts Grace			
Life in Grace			

Holy Spirit	}	-----	Aids to a Fuller Life in Grace
Obstacles to Grace			
(Fourth Day)			

Lay Talks

Although the Fourth Day talk is usually given by a layman, it is logically grouped with the clergy talks because it deals with overcoming obstacles to perseverance in the Life in Grace. This grouping leave nine talks – three each day – to the “lay talks” category.

The talks of the first day are PERSONAL and INTROSPECTIVE, growing toward the third day talks, which are COMMUNAL in nature.

The level of personal testimony, witnesses, and evangelism in each talk, increases during each day. The first talk of each day is basically intellectual, and the final talk of each day is a personal witness talk.

The first talk of each day appeals to the mind or intellect; the second to the will; and the third to the heart. Stated another way, the first talks deal with understanding, the second talks deal with commitment, and the third talks deal with love. The weekend must come to each candidate at all three levels.

Relationship Among Lay Talks

Stress	First Day	Second Day	Third Day	Witness
Mind (Think)	Ideals	Study	Environments	A Little ↑ ↓ A Lot
Will (Commit)	The Church	Action	Christian Community in Action	
Heart (Love)	Piety	Leaders	Security in the Fourth Day	
Stress	Individual → Community Less Witness → More Witness			Fourth Day

The relationships depicted in this chart are not absolute, but they indicate the trend of talks on the Tres Dias weekend. “Less witness” does not mean “no personal references”, and “more witness” does not mean “forget the outline”. The Piety talk is the first “heavy witness” talk and, therefore, its witness is very important; however, the Leaders and Total Security talks will normally contain as much (or even more) personal witness than Piety. Study is a “head talk” like Ideal, but it can contain such things as introductory prayers and personal views on religion, which are normally excluded from Ideal.

The talk outline identifies the points to be made in each talk, and the general approach to the talk; however, each talk must be a personal sharing between the rollista and each candidate, not a recitation. Therefore, the primary job of the rollista is to relate the talk outline to his own life, whether on an intellectual level (first talk) or on an emotional level (third talk), in such a way that the candidate understands what the subject of the talk means to the rollista.