

## *Canadian Anglican Cursillo*

### **Witness Talk**



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### ***Cursillo***

A movement of the church which, with its own method, makes it possible to live that which is fundamental to being a Christian, in order to create nuclei of Christians who engage in leavening their environments with the Gospel ... (*Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement*).

### ***Group Reunion***

Group Reunion includes witnessing to each other – the planned action aspect of our sharing. This is where we take responsible action individually and collectively to share Christ with others and report back on our progress of how we consciously tried to communicate Christ in our daily environments.

### ***Ultreya***

Ultreya includes a Witness talk to the larger Cursillo community. Sometimes Cursillo communities have difficulty finding Cursillistas to do Witness talks at Ultreyas. We are all capable and should be honored to be called at any time to give witness of Christ in our lives.

### ***A Witness Talk includes the following (in 5-10 minutes only):***

- Your description of how you live your life with Christ and how you are trying to bring others to know Him in the ordinary circumstances of your life.
- You share a recent living experience (within 6 weeks). Make just 1-2 points of what you are doing for Christ.
- Your talk should be simple, sincere, concrete and practical: *who, what, where, when* and *why* of your action. Tell what happened as a result – both successes and failures.

### ***A Witness Talk is NOT:***

- Sensational
- A testimonial or a conversion story
- A life history
- A Bible teaching

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- Too emotional – sharing deep, raw, personal emotions is better shared within a more personal setting with close friends or your spiritual advisor. When preparing your witness talk, consider *why* you are sharing something. Will this sharing inspire others to think of things they can do to transform their environments for Christ?

### ***Guiding Questions:***

- What are your environments?
- What is a recent (within 6 weeks) living example of how you planned to act to bring Christ into one of these environments?
- What did you do?
- What was the outcome?
- How did this action help bring Christ into that environment?