

Fourth Day Mini –Retreat

-Popular event in Diocese of Springfield IL for last 14 years.

--Short: Friday evening through midday Saturday

--Answered perceived need among 4D for meeting longer than a 5 hour Ultreya

-Goals

--Energize 4D Life – promote Group Reunion and Ultreya

--Build relationships across a elongated diocese

--Encourage sponsors and new Cursillistas to become team members

--Minimize effort and expense for sponsoring communities

-Local hosts

--Important in relationship building – local Cursillistas host out-of-town members overnight in their homes

--Not only minimizes expense for guest s, but also provides additional time for conversation

--No meal responsibility for host; very well received

Typical schedule

-Start Friday night at 7pm; the goal is to end program by 9:15pm—give people time to socialize and rest

--Fellowship time – just 15 minutes of chat over light snacks

--Gathering music and ice breaker

--First talk followed by small group discussion

--Compline or evening prayer

-Start Saturday morning at 8:30am with continental breakfast

--Count off and table group assignments)

--Second talk (could be lay witness), open response

--Floating group reunion (note: intentionally different groups than Friday night)

--Holy Eucharist

--Lunch including announcements for the good of the order

Example talks (notice related to, but not repetitive of Cursillo method); topics approved by Secretariat

-Re-examining my Rule of Life

-Preparing my 90-second “elevator witness”

-Why is Cursillo important to me... to the church?

-Report from ECM national conference

-(Many speakers) – How God used my service at the last weekend, and how I was blessed by it

Conclusion

-Popular in our community, nice mid-winter quick charge

-Costs covered with small registration fee (\$20) to cover expenses, minimal support from local church

-With momentum, is easy to do, and the community looks forward to it

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