

CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION

SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERISTIC NOTES

(45 MINUTES)

SYNOPSIS

Perennial dissatisfaction and continuous progression in the Christian life is the fruit manifested in the lives of some Christians who, devoted to the Lord by their own free will, who through their interaction, admiration and understanding of one another, creates an environment in ordinary life. It is a conscious and growing realization, where the promises of the Lord become reality, in which one feels the involvement of the omnipotence of God in even the smallest circumstance. The effort of all is its guarantee of effectiveness; where the perennial vitality of the whole Church always resonates; and in the one who, leaning totally on the wonder of their Baptism, lives the infinite range of possibilities that the New Commandment offers with integrity and with a perennial freshness.

The life of the Rollista, the fruit of a Christian way of life is in a living testimony in the normality of daily life and shows by itself that Christian living is possible and real, amazingly unstoppable in its effectiveness, capable of converting and renewing the whole face of the earth.

CHRISTIANITY

That is the result of the existence of some Christians on the path to incarnating Christ, united by a friendship that is filled with admiration, and who work together in a joyful and contagious spirit of the Gospel.

THAT ACTS EFFECTIVELY

if it unites the desire for holiness with reality and always seeks the best results in its activities concerning others.

TAKING CHRIST TO PEOPLE

by the living and imperative witness of the life of the Rollista.

RENEWING THE FACE OF THE EARTH PROGRESSIVELY.

Because it comes forth from an authentic understanding of what is genuinely Christian that achieves, on behalf of the Lord, "even greater things than these". (Jn 14:12).

CHARACTERISTIC NOTES

The thrust of this rollo is on how to actively live your Christian faith with the help of a small group of friends who are striving towards the same goal. You are laying the groundwork here for the final rollo of Total Security by evoking a hunger in the candidates to want what we have to offer. The challenge here is to forget what you have heard in the past and look at this with fresh eyes. The effort will be worth it!

SITUATION

It is the third rollo of the third day. It is preferable that it not be too long since the Cursillistas are saturated with ideas and rollos.

ATMOSPHERE

In the Cursillistas there is an atmosphere of general joy, the fruit of common experiences... of overflowing grace. They realize through the Life in Grace rollo and the explanation of the Commitment Card that there is a way to make every hope of holiness both possible and perennial in one's self and in one's environment when defining the possibility that each one has in being a Christian in the world. However, the heaviness of the hour should be overcome by the Rollista who must also take care to put to rest any possible fear of facing up to the practical, apostolic achievements outlined in the "Study of the Environment" that usually appears in the Cursillo.

PURPOSE

This rollo should serve to dispel the fear that some may still have about becoming apostolic in their actions. The message portrayed in the rollo is very clear that, in order to be effective in our efforts to spread the message of the Gospel to the world, we need the support provided by continuing contact with like-minded individuals in "friendship groups". This presentation should form a firm foundation for the message to come later on in the final rollo of Total Security where the Group Reunion and Ultreya are finally presented in their entirety to the candidates.

TECHNIQUE

This rollo is essentially a personal witness. The rollo points more toward the Rollista than the rollo itself. – The life of the Cursillista that is translated into the rollo is the irrefutable proof of the constant miracle of the grace of God and the living reality of “Christianity in Action”. Since this is a witnessing rollo, it is logical that it is also moving. This witness should also take care of destroying the last prejudices against life after the Cursillo.

STYLE

The style of the rollo is lively and penetrating. It is completely necessary that what is presented is natural and authentically the Rollista’s lifestyle. The strength of a “Christianity in Action” shouldn’t be measured by the number of members it has and maintains, but rather whom among them can live out this Rollo accurately. They are individuals in whom the desire for the best is combined with the naturalness of the authentic and who are successful in living the ongoing miracle.

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OUTLINE (45 MINUTES)

1. INTRODUCTION

We have already looked at the theory of the winning over the environment, but the Cursillistas haven't yet seen it in practice; that it is the way to achieve personal conversion and win our environments and is to be integrated into "Christianity in Action." We will see what this is, how it works and what it achieves.

2. DEFINITION

"Christianity in Action is a group of Grace filled Christians who journey together in a climate that makes it possible for each one to live and spread the Gospel in the world."

3. EXPLANATION OF THE DEFINITION

A. Small Group of Christians

1. That know each other
2. That share their lives
3. That admire each other
4. That are friends

B. In Grace

1. Through personal effort
2. Caring for each other
3. A gift from the Lord

C. That journey together

1. To sustain our lives in grace
2. To propel on another
3. To be more effective
4. To be faithful to the Lord's command

D. In a climate that makes possible

1. The actualization of the Gospel
 - a. Differences disappear
 - b. Miracles happen
 - c. Each one lives in constant joy
 - d. Everything speaks of the Father

2. To live and spread the Gospel
 - a. It is a witness that attracts
 - b. It gives strength for the task
 - c. It removes the fear of ridicule
 - d. It hinders the pride of success
 - e. It is the source of Palanca

4. HOW IT HAPPENS

- A. Each one in their place (environment, bloom where you're planted)
- B. In friendship groups
- C. In union with all
 1. Living out the Gospel together, sharing God's love with the world.
 2. Trusting everything to prayer
 3. Giving Christ our all.

5. WHAT IT ACHIEVES

"...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these..." (John 14:12)

- A. The conversion of people
- B. Environments are Christianized
- C. The world is improved
- D. The Church is enlarged
- E. The Lord is pleased

6. CONCLUSION

Because it is true unity.

Because we are living it. We have an authentic understanding of what it is to be Christian.

- A. People will be happy
- B. The world will be Christianized
- C. Christ's life and redemption will be wholly effective.

CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION

EXPANDED OUTLINE

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1. INTRODUCTION

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In the talk, "Study of the Environment", we have seen, in theory, what we should do to transform our environments into Christian communities... You remember the division of the three fronts and the strategy to follow in each one. It defines an environment and encourages us to begin to transform each of our environments, to bring a Christian influence to the world.

Christianity in Action takes the next step. It demonstrates how to take that theoretical information and transform it into firm steps and effective actions. It will explain how an authentic Christian acts.

In practice, to influence environments, it is necessary to become part of a Christian way of life. We will see ourselves in it, what it is, and what a living and acting Christian life consists of. Then we will also see how it works, and finally we will see what it achieves.

2. DEFINITION

"Christianity in Action is a group of Grace filled Christians who journey together in a climate that makes it possible for each one to live and spread the Gospel in the world."

The definition of "Christianity in Action" is as follows: *"a group of Grace filled Christians who journey together in a climate that makes it possible for each one to live and spread the Gospel in the world"*.

To make this clearer we will look at this more closely:

3. EXPLANATION OF THE DEFINITION

A. Small Group of Christians

This is not merely a collection of individuals, but a genuine community of faith. It is:

1. **That know each other**

People who truly know one another beyond superficial appearances.

2. **That share their lives**

Individuals who open their lives to each other, sharing joys, struggles, and daily realities.

3. That admire each other

Friends who recognize and appreciate the unique gifts Christ has placed in one another.

4. That are friends

United not by convenience, but by a bond of authentic Christian friendship.

B. In Grace

This journey is not sustained by human effort alone, but is rooted in the unmerited favor of God. This grace is:

1. Through personal effort

We actively cooperate with God's grace through prayer, study, and apostolic action.

2. Caring for each other

We become channels of grace for each other, offering support, encouragement, and compassion.

3. A gift from the Lord

We recognize that everything—our existence, our faith, and our ability to love—is a free and gracious gift from God.

C. That journey together

Our path is not lived in solitude; we are a pilgrim people who travel together, helping each other get to heaven. This shared journey enables us:

1. To sustain our lives in grace

To hold each other accountable and fortify one another against the weariness of the world.

2. To propel on another

To encourage and motivate each other to move forward, especially when the path is difficult.

3. To be more effective

Our combined strength and witness amplify our impact far beyond what any of us could achieve alone.

4. To be faithful to the Lord's command

To live out Christ's new commandment to "love one another as I have loved you."

D. In a climate that makes possible

This small group creates a unique environment—a sacred space—where the Gospel is not just discussed, but is made tangible and active. This climate enables:

1. The actualization of the Gospel

In this atmosphere, the words of Scripture become living reality:

a. Differences disappear

In our unity, the barriers of background, status, and personality dissolve, revealing our common identity as children of God.

b. Miracles happen

The ordinary is transformed as we witness the extraordinary power of God's love in healing, reconciliation, and transformation.

c. Each one lives in constant joy

A deep, resilient joy, born not from perfect circumstances, but from the certainty of God's presence and love, becomes our defining mark.

d. Everything speaks of the Father

Our words, actions, and even our silent presence become a coherent testimony that points others to the love of the Father.

2. To live and spread the Gospel

This climate empowers us to be authentic witnesses in the world. It is:

a. It is a witness that attracts

The joy and unity of our community draws others, creating a compelling curiosity about the source of our life.

b. It gives strength for the task

It is a source of spiritual and moral fortitude, equipping us to fulfill the mission Christ has given us.

c. It removes the fear of ridicule

In this safe and encouraging space, we gain the courage to speak and act for Christ without shame or anxiety.

d. It hinders the pride of success

It keeps us humble, reminding us that any good we accomplish is the work of God acting through us.

e. It is the source of Palanca

This climate is the very wellspring of our prayer, sacrifice, and offering for others, empowering our apostolic action.

4. HOW IT HAPPENS

A. Each one in their place (environment, bloom where you're planted)

We want everyone to still be what they are but to do so as Christians. In their own environment. You may say that we want them to "Bloom where they are planted". We do not want Christians without personality, without toughness or guts. Everyone should be in their own place, where they can give the most, where God has placed them with idealism. So, the bullfighter will live the Gospel in the bullring, the athlete in sports, the intellectual will live it with profound ideas and all will be united by a full friendship in Christ.

We do not want priests to act as if they were laity, nor the laity as priests. We want each one, according to their condition, to play their own role so that all the resources of our lives are placed at the service of the Gospel. We want everyone to share their gift with enthusiasm – their gift, not the one the neighbor might want, rather the one that our Heavenly Father hungers for from each one in particular.

Cursillistas are a very diverse group of people. The Cursillista lady remains very lady like; the young person still thinks and feels young; the man continues to cultivate his manliness; the priest is more a priest; the layperson more a layperson. And they all do this for the same reason: because they long to be saints. Being the saint God has thought they can personally be.

This would be a good place to add a witness of a personal experience where you were able to effectively Christianize an environment you are part of (family, work, friends, etc.)

In addition to each one working in their place, members who are living a Christian life work:

B. In friendship groups

Each with whomever they can be the best humanly and supernaturally, identifying with, sharing and planning their life and apostolic action. This is something fantastic and decisive, undoubtedly the best discovery of the Cursillo, and it is called the Group Reunion, of which you will be told about later and therefore it is not necessary that we see it here in detail.

But besides each working in their place and through friendship groups, it is also very important to act:

C. In union with all

These friendship groups are not closed nor do they become chapels; they seek only to be:

- 1. Living out the Gospel together, sharing God's love with the world.**
- 2. Trusting everything to prayer**
- 3. Giving Christ our all.**

5. WHAT IT ACHIEVES

We have seen what Christianity in Action is and how it works; now we'll see what it achieves.

In the Gospel, Christ tells us

"...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these..." (John 14:12)

With the number of miracles that Christ performed, it seems like we would never be able to come close being as effective miracle workers. But it is Christ Himself who tells us we will surpass His record.

We will accomplish the same things that He did and even greater, if we are faithful to His Word and His Life. And for those who truly live a Christian way of life, the words of the Lord give extraordinary evidence. Truly impressive goals are accomplished.

A. The conversion of people

It would be impressive to give testimony to the immense number of souls who have been turned around by means of the Cursillo. Either through weekend and group reunion, or by those Cursillistas touch outside of Cursillo by putting their piety, study and action to use.

B. Environments are Christianized

Whether it is a workplace, your family, or a group of friends; wherever there is Christianity in Action, work is being done to Christianize all environments.

C. The world is improved

This is a direct result of more people living in grace. When holiness increases in the world, it strengthens the "chain" linking all things to Christ.

D. The Church is enlarged

When all Christians, both the Clergy and the laity work together, our numbers grow and our bond is strengthened.

E. The Lord is pleased

The most important thing that Christianity in Action achieves is that it is pleasing to the Lord. The Lord delights in seeing souls who thirst for His Grace being filled, and seeing those same souls offer their works to Him authentically and without

bargaining. The Lord is pleased to see more and more people gathering in His Name to eat His Flesh and drink His Blood, to join in His vision of Salvation.

6. CONCLUSION

This is not just unfounded optimism, but deep conviction.

We have a triumphant concept of Christianity, not just a whim but a theological certainty, because it is the only truth and because experience confirms it for us every day.

We do not hesitate to have this true and active hope that in the end we will be victorious, because the victory will be Christ's.

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