

YOUNG ADULT LIFE

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STUDY NIGHT

OPENING PRAYER

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S ACTION (5 minutes)

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REVIEW OF INFLUENCE (10 minutes)

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STUDY NIGHT' (45 minutes)

In this part of the program you have a set of inquiries which treat topics of major concern to young people: leisure, dating, sex, finances, career, vocation. By understanding these important areas of a young adult's life, you can respond to present needs, as well as prepare for the future--yourself, your friends, and all young adults with whom you come in contact.

The first inquiry is on YOU because in order to know and understand others, you need to understand yourself better. Although you begin with yourself, in the following inquiries be certain that your efforts proceed to meeting the situations and needs in the lives of other young people around you.

It is very important, in this initial meeting, that you be honest with yourself and with each other as you take a look at your own personality and your personal adjustment in life. Openness, honesty, sincerity--these three qualities a person must have if he is to come to know himself better and thereby better understand others. Unless a person occasionally takes an honest look at himself--who he is, where he is going--he cannot even begin to understand or care about the needs and problems he finds in others.

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"In our search for the right direction in which to go the first thing we must do is what sailors do at sea, we must fix our present position. Where are we now? What was our past? In other words, what is our position today and how did we get here?"

Alphonsus Jansen, The Meaning of Love and Marriage,
Divine Word Publications, Techny, Ill., 1963.

DISCUSS:

--From your own experience, what is the value of self-knowledge?
--How does the community in which you live affect your way of thinking? Give examples.

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Each YCM member must grow, along with the others in the section, in being open and honest. This seems as if you are asked to be like a boxer who leads with his chin. It's not the same, however. Being open and honest is the only way you can know and find yourself. Use what you discover about yourself and others in the section for the right purpose: to help yourself and the others grow--and to let the others help you. If you don't use the information in this way, it will hurt the self-confidence and the relationships among the members.

"Man can respond to man; he is not mute. At once we are in a bewildering world of reciprocal exchange, hazardous, free, exciting, where destinies are linked and sufferings shared, where every wound is mine and each wounds the other; the human heart is the vulnerable target for all the good and evil moving amongst men. We hold in pitifully frail hands the happiness and despair of others. Man finds himself face to face with man. Every man is my brother, and I live or die with him. This is the scene of tragedy, of solitude and communion, of deaths, farewells, and perseverances, the scene where we find sketched, perhaps lightly but not untruly, the designs, joys, miseries of a higher encounter."

Robert Oatermann, "Gabriel Marcel: The Discovery of Being" (II) The Modern Schoolman, XXXI, No. 4, May 1954, pp. 297-298.

DISCUSS:

--What difference does it make how we act toward the people in our lives? Does this apply to everybody with whom we come in contact?

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In this part of the Study Night, you should talk about your friends and what you look for in a friend. What are your expectations?

Select one of the group to take notes. A blackboard and chalk would be even better if there is one available.

For the next ten minutes list all the things you can think of that you want to see in a friend. Don't discuss any of the ideas during the ten minutes; just list as many as you can. When you run out of ideas, or after the ten minutes are up, stop and discuss for fifteen minutes:

- Which quality do you think is the most important?
- Which quality of friendship do you, as a friend, have to work on most?

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Give each person a small piece of paper. Each member should decide the quality he personally needs most to develop and write it on the paper. If you want, you can list 2 or 3 qualities. Fold the paper and put it in your pocket or purse--some place where you will see it often.

During the next few months work on developing this quality. Each time you see the paper, it will remind you of the quality you are trying to develop. If you master the first one, go on to the next.

DUES

Has your section collected and sent in its dues? This is a test of generosity and of belief in the movement. All are due the tenth of the month.

LOOKING AHEAD

During this part of the meeting preview the coming Young Adult Life inquiries. This is an important part of the meeting and will, to a great extent, determine the effectiveness of your group's work on this part of the program.

1. Look over the social inquiries.
2. Determine the goals your group should set for this section of the program.
3. Discuss what adaptations need to be made in the inquiries so that they will be meaningful to your group. Who will make the necessary adaptations?

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Read the observe questions. Does each member understand what is asked of him? How is he going to gather the necessary information?

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CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS

CLOSING PRAYER

YOU

OPENING PRAYER

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SOCIAL INQUIRY (45 minutes)

Observe

- What are your feelings toward your family?
- List five of your close friends; five people you work with.
- What are your feelings toward these friends and acquaintances?
- What clubs or organizations other than the YCM do you belong to?
- What do you do with your free time?

Judge

"You find yourself caught up in the onrush of life's movement and never find the time to get to know yourself. You follow the movement of the herd...without ever struggling to make your own way...When you're not simply the victim of circumstances, you at least try to escape from real life. You refuse to accept your own limitations, your failures....You won't see others as they are. If you're afraid to meet the real world, if you try to adjust it to your own liking or to escape from it instead of facing up and offering your services to it, you are not yet mature."

Michel Quoist, The Meaning of Success, Fides Publishers, Inc., Notre Dame, Ind., 1963, pp. 109-110.

Getting to know yourself means examining your present relationships with your family, your friends, the people you work with... and then examining yourself as you really are.

- Can you know yourself better by looking at your relationships with your family, friends and acquaintances? If so, how?
- In choosing your friends, do you always expect them to have the same ideas as you do? Do you accept others that have ideas different from yours?
- Do you use your free time to develop your talents?

Act

Are you satisfied with the picture you see? What are the loop-holes? What can you do to help yourself?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON SOCIAL INQUIRY

DUES

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

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CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

meeting 3

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS

OPENING PRAYER

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SOCIAL INQUIRY (45 minutes)

If you have made an open, honest and sincere evaluation of yourself, you are then ready to go on to an evaluation of your friends, who and what they are. To do this well, you must continue with the same honesty and sincerity that you used on yourself last week.

Observe

--Do you have a wide variety of friends? Do they represent different groups of young people? Are they all young and single?

- What do your friends do in their leisure time? Do they do things just to kill time? Do they do things that will help to develop their whole person?
--Ask your friends what they think happiness is. Do they feel they have achieved it?

Judge

"Your friend is your needs answered.
He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving.
And he is your board and your fireside.
For you come to him with your hunger, and you seek him for peace.
. . . without words, in friendship, all thoughts, all desires, all expectations are born and shared, with joy that is unclaimed. . . .
And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit. . . .
And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.
For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed."

Kahlil Gibran, "On Friendship," The Prophet, Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1964.

- How can you and your friends help each other to develop your whole person?
--Do you understand your friends? Do they understand you?
--Is it important to know where to find new things to do? New people to meet?
--How can you and your friends broaden your circle of friends?

Act

What actions have your observes suggested? Your action should be based on needs you have discovered.

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON SOCIAL INQUIRY

DUES

Your dues help to pay the cost of IMPETUS, your bi-monthly newsletter.

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

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CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

FACTS MEETING

OPENING PRAYER

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FACTS MEETING (45 minutes)

Observe

- Briefly present a few facts about one young working person you know.
- To become more aware of our surroundings, we need to be alert to situations of various kinds. Report facts you have observed about:

-race relations	-your neighborhood
-international life	-your parish
-politics	-work
-your city	-home

Judge

- From a human and a Christian point of view, what is valuable in the facts reported? What is harmful?

Act

How can you and the group improve the situations reported on?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON FACTS MEETING

DUES

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

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CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL LIFE

meeting 5

OPENING PRAYER

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SOCIAL INQUIRY (45 minutes)

Observe

- Bring to the meeting a list of places in your area where young people can go to meet others--any night of the week--without feeling the need to bring a date.
- Find out if your friends feel there is too great a pressure regarding dating. If one particular evening of the week is considered "date night," do the girls stay home if they don't have a date? Do the guys take a girl out just because it's the thing to do?
- Do your friends develop friendships with persons of the other sex aside from dating?

Judge

"Encounter with another...is...the central event in the life of most men...Such encounters...in most cases afford men an excellent opportunity of realizing themselves and fulfilling their vocation as men."

Ignace Lepp, The Ways of Friendship, The Macmillan Company, New York, N.Y., 1966, p. 18.

- Do you think the dating habits of your friends offer them the type of encounter--or meaningful relationships with others--which Fr. Lepp speaks about?
- What is the purpose of dating? Should the person we date always be a potential marriage partner?
- What do you think about the American dating system? Do you feel that the social pressure of our dating system in any way causes some of the problems existing among the young people of today--excessive drinking, undue loneliness, love that is only romantic, unwed mothers, unmarried fathers?
- In what ways, other than dating, can young people "encounter" others?

Act

Based on the needs you have discovered, what action can you and the group take?

Some Suggestions:

- Can you make social life for the young people of your community more interesting, less of a pressure?
- Can you discuss with your friends some of the ideas on dating that were brought up at tonight's meeting?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON SOCIAL INQUIRY

DUES

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

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PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

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CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

SEX AND SINGLE PEOPLE

** Tonight's meeting concerns a topic which you may want to spend two weeks on. If so, the first week could be devoted to all the observes. These could be covered in depth. The Judge and Act part of the inquiry could be covered the following week. Or you may want to complete Meeting 6 tonight and then draw up your own observe, judge and act for Meeting 7.

OPENING PRAYER

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SOCIAL INQUIRY (45 minutes)

Observe

- Do your friends constantly bring up the subject of sex in their conversations?
- What do your friends think of sex relationships involving single people?
- Discuss with your friends: Does the availability of contraceptives influence young people's attitudes toward sex relationships? In what way?
- Do they think there is a sexual revolution in progress?

Judge

"...the determining power of the sex drive is also limited, for it, too, is subject to the control of the rational and the supra-rational forces in the total man. From the standpoint of these forces, sex love has always been viewed as the crowning act of an infinitely rich, beautiful, and transfiguring love of man and woman; as one of the greatest joys of human life, and the noblest way of a unification into one 'we' of the individual egos of the lovers; and, finally, as the necessary means for perpetuation of human race....Control of sex love by the rational and suprarational forces of the total man has not aimed at the suppression of this great value of human life, but at the prevention of its falsification, degradation, and misuse. For these not only tend to rob the sex love of humanity, but they...lead to the degradation of the total man to a mere sex organ, and of the...rich human life to mere succession of flat sex affairs, punctuated by tension, hate, remorse, anxiety, interhuman strife..."

Pitirim Sorokin, The American Sex Revolution, Porter Sargent Publisher, Boston, Mass., 1956, pp. 156-157.

- In your opinion, are attitudes toward sex changing? In what way? How do you feel about this?
- For what reason does a single fellow get involved in sex relationships? A girl?
- What are the effects on a single girl of sex relationships? On a fellow? Is it ever morally right to use contraceptives?
- What do you think of the ideas of your friends, of their sense of values? How do these compare with true human and Christian values?

Act

Considering the facts presented in the Observe, and the group's judgments--what can you do to help bring about a more human and Christian sense of values in your friends?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON SOCIAL INQUIRY

DUES

Your dues help to support the international office in Brussels, Belgium and, through it, to aid the YCM in poorer countries.

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Next week you have the option of continuing the topic of tonight's meeting or taking the facts meeting. If you choose to continue discussing Sex and Single People, decide now what preparations the members should make during the coming week. If you choose to take the facts meeting, read through it and be alert to situations to bring up next week.

Select now the scripture the group will discuss next week. Who will prepare the scripture with the chaplain? When? Normally the section president prepares the social inquiry with the chaplain.

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

FACTS MEETING

** If this week you have decided to continue your discussion of Sex and Single People, disregard the observe, judge and act below.

OPENING PRAYER

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FACTS MEETING (45 minutes)

Observe

- Briefly present a few facts about one young working person you know.
- To become more aware of our surroundings, we need to be alert to situations of various kinds. Report facts you have observed about:

-race relations	-your neighborhood
-international life	-your parish
-politics	-work
-your city	-home

Judge

- From a human and a Christian point of view, what is valuable in the facts reported? What is harmful?

Act

How can you and the group improve the situations reported on?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON FACTS MEETING

DUES

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

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PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

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CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

SEXUAL IDENTITY

OPENING PRAYER

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SOCIAL INQUIRY (45 minutes)

"Each culture develops its own patterns of masculinity and femininity which color the individual's growth. Each man and woman tends to play his or her role as seen in the community. Since our country is a 'melting pot' of European cultures, a nation of rapid change, and finally, the scene of a most vociferous 'battle of the sexes,' we are often confused over how we should act as men and women."

Man and Wife, TOGETHER IN CHRIST SERIES, Book 5,
Family Life Bureau, U.S.C.C., Washington, D.C.,
1960, p. 103.

Observe

- Ask your friends who they think is an ideal man or an ideal woman. What do they think makes a man manly and a woman womanly? Do your friends accept those who don't meet their standards?
- Do your friends think people have to be strictly feminine or masculine? How much room do they allow for individual differences?
- How have advertising, TV and movies aided or exploited the images of masculinity and femininity? Look for examples in your local paper and TV programs during the week prior to this meeting.

Judge

"All mankind has a common human nature and a common destiny which is eternal happiness. However, human personalities are divided into two groups; they are colored by masculinity or femininity... masculinity and femininity, which were determined at the moment of conception, have been complicated by the development of characteristically masculine or feminine traits during the learning process. Each person's experience is somewhat different,

and the culture in which each has been educated largely determines what will be considered characteristically masculine or feminine."

Man and Wife, TOGETHER IN CHRIST SERIES, Book 5,
Family Life Bureau, U.S.C.C., Washington, D.C.,
1960, p. 10.

- What is your opinion of the way your friends accept other people? Should we accept others as they are, regardless of our own standards of masculinity and femininity? Why?
- What masculine or feminine traits do you think each man or woman should have? Is it necessary that they have these particular traits to be manly or womanly?
- In what way does your family influence your being masculine or feminine?

Act

What actions have your observes and judges suggested?

Does the group feel there is a need to know more about masculinity and femininity? Could a competent and carefully chosen speaker be engaged for a general meeting to talk on the topic and its implications? Invite your friends and other young people not in YCM.

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON SOCIAL INQUIRY

DUES

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

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PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

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CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

FACTS MEETING

OPENING PRAYER

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FACTS MEETING (45 minutes)

Observe

- Briefly present a few facts about one young working person you know.
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| -race relations | -your neighborhood |
| -international life | -your parish |
| -politics | -work |
| -your city | -home |

Judge

From a human and a Christian point of view, what is valuable in the facts reported? What is harmful?

Act

How can you and the group improve the situations reported on?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON FACTS MEETING

DUES

The payment of dues is an apostolic action. All income is directed toward our goal of reaching more young people and forming them as life-time apostles.

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Read through Meetings 10 and 11 very carefully. They are different from other social inquiries in this program. You must choose the topics for these meetings and then draw up your own observe, judge and act. Do this now.

Select the scripture the group will discuss at next week's meeting. Who will prepare the scripture with the chaplain? When? Normally the section president prepares the social inquiry with the chaplain.

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

meetings 10 & 11

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

OPENING PRAYER

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S ACTION (5 minutes)

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REVIEW OF INFLUENCE (10 minutes)

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SOCIAL INQUIRY (45 minutes)

"Man is the only case in nature where life becomes aware of itself. He must make choices, make decisions, risk failure. He is aware of all that threatens him and eventually of the ultimate reality and certainly that is death.

"What can man do to give an answer to this situation? There are only a certain number of ascertainable ways in which man can solve the problem of existence. As an animal, man wants to live; but as a human, he wants to find unity. He wants to overcome a sense of complete separation. He wants to be one with something.

"He can do that in two ways--the regressive way or the progressive way. What I call the regressive way is to try to obliterate that which is specifically human, and that is awareness. Mankind has tried that for many hundreds of thousands of years by the obliteration of reason with drugs, alcohol, sexual orgies,..."

Erich Fromm, an interview in McCall's, October, 1965.

INTRODUCTION

Each village, town, community or city has its own particular social problems in addition to the many it has in common with other communities. Read the papers thoroughly and watch the news programs during the next week to see what they report as the major problems.

What are some of the problems of your community--and of young people in particular--that you feel are not adequately covered by the news media?

Do these problems exist in your community:

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| -mental illness? | -reckless driving? | -recreational |
| -vandalism? | -gang wars? | facilities? |
| -drinking parties? | -poverty? | -drugs? |
| | | -others? |

Choose two problems that are peculiar to your community as topics for Meetings 10 and 11. The sample meeting which follows is on drinking and alcoholism. It is included here as an aid to you in writing your own meetings on community social problems involving young people.

SAMPLE MEETING: DRINKING AND ALCOHOLISM

Observe

- Do you and your friends drink? How much? Why?
- Have you seen the problem of alcoholism in a family? Describe the situation.
- Ask some of your friends why young people turn to heavy drinking. Is it a particular group or clique that encourages drunkenness?
- What agencies are available in your community to help alcoholics? Contact them and obtain some information on their services.

Judge

- Do you think young people should give up drinking entirely?
- Is drunkenness in any way an insult to a person's dignity? If so, how?
- When are you drunk? How can you tell? What does your state law define as legally drunk?
- What causes problems of heavy drinking and alcoholism? What are the effects on the individual? On the people around him?

Act

Based on the needs you have discovered, what can you do individually and as a group? Did your visit to your local agency suggest anything?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON SOCIAL INQUIRY

DUES

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

PREVIEW OF MEETING 11

Choose now the topic of next week's meeting and decide what observes the members should make during the coming week. Either tonight or next week determine guide questions to help judge the facts discovered.

Select the scripture the group will discuss at next week's meeting. Who will prepare the scripture with the chaplain? When?

PREVIEW OF MEETING 12

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Select now the scripture the group will discuss at next week's meeting. Who will prepare the scripture with the chaplain? When?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

meeting 12

FACTS MEETING

OPENING PRAYER

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FACTS MEETING (45 minutes)

Observe

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| -politics | -work |
| -your city | -home |

Judge

From a human and a Christian point of view, what is valuable in the facts reported? What is harmful?

Act

How can you and the group improve the situations reported on?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON FACTS MEETING

DUES

Your dues are a material expression:

- of your conviction about the work of YCM
- of your gratitude for having been brought into this great apostolate
- of your desire to see YCM reach more and more young people.

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

An evening of reflection is scheduled next week. This is one of the most important meetings of the year. Prepare for it now with your chaplain.

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

meeting 13

EVENING OF REFLECTION

WHAT IS AN EVENING OF REFLECTION?

An evening of reflection brings members to think of Christ. It is a time when the chaplain talks about great realities like the Mystical Body or the Mass, realities which we, as Christians, believe in and which are the source of YCM. It is the greatest opportunity to learn how to pray, because reflection is prayer.

WHY AN EVENING OF REFLECTION?

YCM members must come closer to Christ if they are to bring Christ to others. God is greatly concerned about our reaching other young working people who are unaware of Him, His Incarnate Son, and of the Mystical Body. Through evenings of reflection Christ impels the YCM members forward.

The greatest contribution we can make to the Mystical Body is our love for Christ. If a YCM member is great for action yet fails to grow spiritually, he has missed the point. We must be more like Christ if we are to bring Him others. We cannot give what we do not have.

Leadership training is not enough. If we are to be Christians in the true sense of the word, if we are to be leaders with faith, hope and trust, love, conviction and courage, we must come into ever closer contact with the mind and heart of Christ. Evenings of reflection are indispensable in accomplishing this.

HOW IS AN EVENING OF REFLECTION HELD?

An evening of reflection is held every three months and should last about two hours. There might be three 20-minute talks with time between for thinking over what has been said; this is a time for the members to open themselves to the Holy Spirit through humility, trust, desire and love.

The chaplain will find the evening of reflection the best opportunity to help members learn what mental prayer is and how they should go about it. But before he decides on a topic, he might ask the members for their recommendations. He might use an evening of reflection to suggest improvements in the section, bringing up problems of discouragement, pettiness, lack of action, poor participation in the meetings, neglect in taking observes, slackness in supporting the movement through dues. Above all he should talk about Christ--either by way of illustration or by devoting the evening to some element of Christ's life, like the training of Peter as an apostle.

The chaplain should ask the members for their suggestions. Here are some additional suggested topics:

- Present-day Spirituality
- Being Poor in Spirit and Being Poor
- Mass
- The Effects of Influence May be Invisible
- Parable of the Talents -- 1967
- Christ and His Training of the Apostles
- God Loves Me
- The Influence of Love

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Read the observe questions. Does each member understand what is asked of him? How is he going to gather the necessary information?

Select now the scripture the group will discuss at next week's meeting. Who will prepare the scripture with the chaplain? When? Normally the section president prepares the social inquiry with the chaplain.

YOUR JOB - YOUR FUTURE

OPENING PRAYER

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S ACTION (5 minutes)

The secretary reads the actions determined during the last regular meeting and each member reports. Have you completed this action? Will further action be taken?

REVIEW OF INFLUENCE (10 minutes)

Each member reports briefly on influence with friends not in YCM, or actions taken on any situation which affects either an individual or a group.

SOCIAL INQUIRY (45 minutes)

Observe

- Have your friends given any thought to what they want to do for the rest of their lives?
 - Ask them how they determine what is "right" for them and how they are working toward their goals.
 - Do they like the work they are doing now, or are they biding time until marriage?
 - Does their present job provide training and opportunities toward their goal?
- Does your community have any employment offices, employment counselors or vocational counselors? What services do they provide?
- Are there schools or other programs which enable adults and young adults to improve their skills and abilities?
- Find out from one of the companies in your area the available job opportunities and what they look for in an employee.

Judge

- Is it important that young people find out what job is right for them? Why?
- How important is job satisfaction in comparison with salary?
- Is it important that your present job relate in some way to your plan for the future? Why?
- Can a high school counselor give you the same counseling as a professional personnel manager or businessman? As the state employment office?
- What other people can young adults speak with about planning their future?

Act

What actions are suggested by the observes and judgments you made?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON SOCIAL INQUIRY

DUES

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Read the observe questions. Does each member understand what is asked of him? How is he going to gather the necessary information?

Select now the scripture the group will discuss at next week's meeting. Who will prepare the scripture with the chaplain? When? Normally the section president prepares the social inquiry with the chaplain.

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

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YOUR VOCATION

OPENING PRAYER

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S ACTION (5 minutes)

The secretary reads the actions determined during the last meeting and each member reports. Have you completed this action? Will further action be taken?

REVIEW OF INFLUENCE (10 minutes)

Each member reports briefly on influence with friends not in YCM, or actions taken on any situation which affects either an individual or a group.

SOCIAL INQUIRY (45 minutes)

Observe

- Are your friends planning to marry--soon or in the future?
What are their vocational plans? Do they think it is abnormal not to marry?
- List 5 single people; 5 priests, nuns or ministers; 5 married people you know.
- Choose a person in each of the 3 groups who impresses you a great deal. Ask them:
 - Why did they choose their way of life?
 - How did they prepare for it?
 - Are they happy?
 - What is their outlook on life? What are their future plans?

Judge

"The awareness that God works through our free decision puts us in a tremendously challenging position, and this is the basically Christian adventure no matter what the vocation."

Sr. Mary Anne David, "I Shall Make You Love Me,"
Today, March, 1964, p. 20.

- What is the connection between "life goal," occupation, and state in life?
- How many of the people you listed are in their vocation by choice? How do they accept this state or situation? What can young adults learn from the ideas you discussed with these people?
- What happens if a person makes the wrong decision?
- What do you think of your friends' ideas and plans regarding their vocation?

Act

Based on the needs you have discovered, what action can you and the group take?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON SOCIAL INQUIRY

DUES

Your dues enable us to send organizers into the areas where YCM has not yet been started.

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

A facts meeting is scheduled next week. For a more complete explanation of this type of meeting, see the introductory material. Each member should be alert for situations to bring up at the meeting.

Select now the scripture the group will discuss at next week's meeting. Who will prepare the scripture with the chaplain? When?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

FACTS MEETING

OPENING PRAYER

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S ACTION (5 minutes)

The secretary reads the actions determined during the last meeting and each member reports. Have you completed this action? Will further action be taken?

REVIEW OF INFLUENCE (10 minutes)

Each member reports briefly on influence with friends not in YCM, or actions taken on any situation which affects either an individual or a group.

FACTS MEETING (45 minutes)

Observe

- Briefly present a few facts about one young working person you know.
- To become more aware of our surroundings, we need to be alert to situations of various kinds. Report facts you have observed about:

-race relations	-your neighborhood
-international life	-your parish
-politics	-work
-your city	-home

Judge

From a human and a Christian point of view, what is valuable in the facts reported? What is harmful?

Act

How can you and the group improve the situations reported on?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON FACTS MEETING

DUES

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Read the observe questions. Does each member understand what is asked of him? How is he going to gather the necessary information?

Select now the scripture the group will discuss at next week's meeting. Who will prepare the scripture with the chaplain? When? Normally the section president prepares the social inquiry with the chaplain.

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

FINANCES

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OPENING PRAYER

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S ACTION (5 minutes)

The secretary reads the actions determined during the last meeting and each member reports. Have you completed this action? Will further action be taken?

REVIEW OF INFLUENCE (10 minutes)

Each member reports briefly on influence with friends not in YCM, or actions taken on any situation which affects either an individual or a group.

SOCIAL INQUIRY (45 minutes)

Observe

- How much did your friends, both single and married, earn last year? How did they use this money? (Naturally this information will only be shared by close friends.)
- Ask your single friends:
 - How much money did they spend needlessly?
 - Do they feel that saving money is important? Why?
 - How do they feel about charge accounts? Credit cards?
- How many of your single friends own property, stocks, bonds, have savings accounts?
- How many of your friends have a fairly new car? How much do they spend on dates, clothes, liquor, cosmetics, records?
- Do your friends give to the poor--either financially or by action on the community level?
- Do they contribute in any way to the poor of other nations?

Judge

"We must repeat once more that the superfluous wealth of rich countries should be placed at the service of poor nations. The rule which up to now held good for the benefit of those nearest to us, must today be applied to all the needy of this world. Besides, the rich will be the first to benefit as a result...If today's flourishing civilizations remain selfishly wrapped up in themselves, they could easily place their highest values in jeopardy, sacrificing their will to be great to the desire to possess more." (Para. 49)

"No one is justified in keeping for his exclusive use what he does not need, when others lack necessities." (Para. 23)

Pope Paul VI, On the Development of Peoples,
U.S.C.C., Washington, D.C., 1967.

- Can a budget help people get the most out of their money? How?
- Which system do you think is best for saving money--banking, credit unions, government bonds, life insurance, stocks?
- Why do single people feel that paying up to \$4,000 for a new car is more important than saving or investing this money?
- Do you feel that young people are cheated by revolving credit and interest payments on new cars due to a lack of understanding of the charges involved?
- How does one determine what percentage of his income should be given to the poor and exploited of the U.S. and of the world? How far should a person's concern go?

Act

Based on the needs you have discovered, what action can you and the group take?

Some Suggestions:

- Make up a budget allowing for saving 10% to 20% of your income. Attempt to live by this budget.
- Convince and help your friends make budgets which include saving.
- Can you and your friends set aside part of your income to help the needy of other countries--through CARE packages, financial aid to the YCM of Asia, Africa and Latin America, etc.?

Recommended Reading:

Hillel Black, Buy Now, Pay Later. Pocket Books, Inc.,
1 W. 39th St., New York, N.Y. 10018.

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON SOCIAL INQUIRY

DUES

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Read the observe questions. Does each member understand what is asked of him? How is he going to gather the necessary information?

Select now the scripture the group will discuss at next week's meeting. Who will prepare the scripture with the chaplain? When? Normally the section president prepares the social inquiry with the chaplain.

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

FAMILY

OPENING PRAYER

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S ACTION (5 minutes)

The secretary reads the actions determined during the last meeting and each member reports. Have you completed this action? Will further action be taken?

REVIEW OF INFLUENCE (10 minutes)

Each member reports briefly on influence with friends not in YCM, or actions taken on any situation which affects either an individual or a group.

SOCIAL INQUIRY (45 minutes)

Observe

- Consider your own family and at least one other family you know. Specifically, what are the things that tend to draw the families together? What are the things that tend to separate them?
- What are your friends' attitudes toward their families?
- Ask your friends who are no longer living at home if they have changed their attitude toward their family since they left.
- What are the attitudes of your married friends toward the family they are forming? Do their attitudes reflect their own family background?
- In conversations with a few people, try to find out what they believe strengthens or weakens the family as a community.

Judge

"...the family is social life in miniature, a communication, a living together, a cooperation, a head and members, an authority and obedience, a giving and a taking, a producing and a sharing, a unity and a multiplicity. That is why the problem of our day more than any else is a family problem, and the greatest contribution that the family can make is to be itself--what it really should be, to be a pattern for those who have lost the true image of it, and to be a pure and healthy source of community."

Eugene F. Geissler, The Meaning of Parenthood,
Fides Publishers, Notre Dame, Ind., 1962, p. 104.

- From your observes, what do you think are the important elements of a strong, happy family? What stands in the way?
- Does the quotation suggest the pattern for the ideal family? Give examples.
- How does this apply to your own family? What is your responsibility to apply this in your family?
- How do the ideas in the quotation compare with your friends' attitudes toward their families?

Act

Based on the needs you have discovered, what appropriate action can you take? Can you involve your friends?

Suggestion: Can you invite a couple whom you respect to share some of their views with your YCM section and your friends?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON SOCIAL INQUIRY

DUES

Your dues help maintain the national office.

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

An evaluation meeting is scheduled next week. Carefully read over the entire meeting and come prepared to discuss the work of your section.

Select now the scripture the group will discuss next week. Who will prepare the scripture with the chaplain? When?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

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EVALUATION MEETING

OPENING PRAYER

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S ACTION (5 minutes)

The secretary reads the actions determined during the last meeting and each member reports. Have you completed this action? Will further action be taken?

REVIEW OF INFLUENCE (10 minutes)

Each member reports briefly on influence with friends not in YCM, or actions taken on any situation which affects either an individual or a group.

EVALUATION MEETING (45 minutes)

1. The secretary reports:
 - a. What facts were discovered in the inquiries on Young Adult Life?
 - b. What actions were decided upon?
2. The group discusses:
 - a. Were the observes factual, current, and based on friendships with young people?

- b. Were the judgments based on good human reasons, on Christian teaching, and applied to the members' observes?
- c. Were the actions based on the facts discovered?
 - Did all the members take personal actions?
 - Were the actions carried out? If not, why not?
 - Which actions were effective? Which were not? How could the actions have been more effective?
 - Is further action necessary? If it is, plan it now.
 - How will the members and the group continue their involvement in areas of special concern to young adults?

Note: If your section adapted inquiries in this program to better apply to your locality, we would like you to send copies of them to the National Office.

3. How has the group done with regard to:
 - regularity of meetings?
 - attendance at meetings?
 - starting meeting on time?
 - length of meetings?
 - preparation for meetings:
 - Were observations made informally through conversation?
 - Were human and Christian judgments formed on those observations by preparation of the judge?
 - Was additional reading done to better prepare for the meeting?
 - Were ideas for possible actions explored?
 - Did the members read and reflect on the scripture inquiries?
 - Were the members sensitive to people and situations which were outside the scope of the meetings (Review of Influence)?
 - Did the discussion leaders prepare with the chaplain?
 - Have the members generously supported the movement with their dues?
 - Did the group recruit any new members?
 - Any other points that should be discussed?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON EVALUATION MEETING

DUES

SCRIPTURE (20 minutes)

Discuss at this time the scripture which you have chosen and prepared for tonight's meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD

During this part of the meeting preview the coming inquiries. Depending on the date of the primary election in your state, you will take either Politics or International Life. This is important and will, to a great extent, determine the effectiveness of your group's work on the next part of the program.

1. Look over the social inquiries.
2. Determine the goals your group should set for this section of the program.
3. Discuss what adaptations (if any) need to be made in the inquiries so that they will be meaningful to your group. Who will make the necessary adaptations?

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS ON ENTIRE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

EVALUATION OF
YOUNG ADULT LIFE INQUIRIES, 1967-68

This form is to be filled out by each member after the inquiries on Young Adult Life have been completed. Please fill this out at the meeting. Your comments will help the National Office improve future inquiries on Young Adult Life.

HAVE ANY OF YOUR OWN IDEAS BEEN CHANGED OR BROADENED THROUGH THESE INQUIRIES ON YOUNG ADULT LIFE? WHICH SPECIFICALLY?

WHAT INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS HAVE YOU TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE INQUIRIES?

WHAT GROUP ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN? ANY RESULTS TO REPORT?

WHAT BOOKS, MAGAZINES OR NEWSPAPERS HAVE YOU READ FOR INFORMATION ON YOUNG ADULT LIFE?

WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR FUTURE INQUIRIES ON YOUNG ADULT LIFE?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

Name _____

Section _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Length of time in YCM _____

This evaluation sheet should be handed in to your section secretary and mailed immediately to:

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