



GUIDELINES FOR SPIRITUAL ADVISORS ON ANGLICAN 4TH DAY WEEKENDS



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I. Relations with the Weekend Rector/a.

A. As Spiritual Advisor, you will join with the Rector/a in bathing the team, the candidates (pilgrims), and the entire weekend in prayer.

B. You will be blessed during your service to concentrate your responsibilities on the sacramental and pastoral aspects of your ordained ministry: preaching, teaching, celebrating, providing pastoral care, and hearing confessions.

C. The Rector/a will assign duties to the various team members to include types of service and talks (Rollo). The Advisor (Bell Ringer), with the blessing of the Rector/a, will have primary responsibility for leading the weekend to include all scheduling and logistical aspects.

D. As Spiritual Advisor, you will have primary responsibility for all liturgical/worship activities as is customary in the Church. The Rector/a and Head of Music may give you specific suggestions or requests for certain songs or lessons.

E. Each weekend has a theme chosen by the Rector/a. Keep that theme in mind as you prepare homilies during team training and lessons for the weekend.

F. In so far as possible all liturgical events, to include the selection of appropriate lessons for Eucharist, should be planned with the Rector/a and Head of Music in the team training sessions in advance of the weekend. Music is a crucial part of 4th Day weekends and will normally be a major part of every liturgical event during team training and on the weekend. The Head of Music, in coordination with the clergy and the Rector/a, normally selects the music in support of the theme of the weekend and the flow of each day. All should, of course, remain flexible on the weekend to sense the move of the Holy Spirit. Should any changes to planned liturgical events arise, coordinate with the Advisor (Bell Ringer) and Head of Music in advance of any changes to agreed on expectations.

II. Participation in Team Events.

A. Barring emergencies, such as deaths in the parish, Spiritual Advisors are expected to take active and full participation in the following events:

1. Any meetings agreed to with the Rector/a in advance of team training retreats.

2. Two overnight (Friday evening and most of Saturday) team-training retreats prior to the weekend. These retreats will include times of prayer, teaching, mediations, Eucharist, and possibly foot-washing at the discretion of



the Rector/a. Additionally, you will have opportunity to provide pastoral care and hear confessions with the team members in order to help prepare them for service on the weekend.

3. The weekend itself, arriving at least by early to mid-afternoon Thursday in time for the team Eucharist (with homily) and dinner and continuing through the Clausura late Sunday afternoon.

4. The Welcoming Ultreya on a Saturday shortly after the weekend.

B. It is critical for full clergy participation in order to give ample time for the team to bond spiritually.

III. Weekend Liturgical Events.

A. Clergy are responsible for giving the prescribed five meditations and two talks (Rollos). Clergy are expected to follow the essence of the outlines in the Clergy Talk Workbook, while feeling free to provide their own illustrations. The other three clergy talks are normally given by outside clergy who come in to give the talks at the appropriate time during the weekend.

B. Thursday evening will include Stations of the Cross led as directed by the Rector/a and two clergy meditations. The meditations have been well prepared and are found in the Clergy Talk Workbook. They should be read as given or subject to minimal revision. Clergy should be available at any time during the weekend to provide pastoral care or hear confessions from any of the candidates/pilgrims. The Advisor (Bell Ringer) will coordinate with you to schedule your time with individual candidates who are seeking such counsel.

C. Morning Prayer as found in the Pilgrim's Guide (led by the Rector/a), the appointed daily Clergy Meditation (in the place of a homily), and Eucharist will take place **in that order** on Friday and Sunday mornings before breakfast. This order reflects a traditional liturgical order of Morning Prayer with Homily and Eucharist. On Saturday morning, Morning Prayer and Meditation will precede breakfast; however, the Saturday Eucharist will take place before lunch directly following the Sacraments Talk. A second Sunday Eucharist will take place in the context of the Clausura at the end of the weekend with the outside community joining in. A visiting bishop or clergy leader from the AANF Steering Committee will normally serve as Celebrant for the closing Eucharist.

D. All Eucharist's will be celebrated in accordance with any of the authorized liturgies of the overseeing Provinces of the AANF. In order to facilitate weekend worship, 1979 Books of Common Prayer will be available. If you desire to use any other authorized liturgy from another Province, this should be coordinated with the Rector/a and the Head of Music well in advance of the weekend and printed copies of the alternative liturgy prepared in advance for use on the weekend. Any deviations from the Book of Common Prayer or other printed liturgies should also be coordinated in advance of the weekend with the Rector/a, Advisor (Bell Ringer), and the Head of Music.

IV. Other Clergy Responsibilities.

A. Insure that an atmosphere that brings honor to God is maintained at all times, especially during the times of skits or other fun activities.



- B. Participate in all ROLLO room activities as appropriate.
- C. At the end of Friday and Saturday evenings, provide a short wrap-up and reflection on the day's teachings and activities to help put the progress of the weekend into perspective and to correct any significant theological errors that might have inadvertently arisen during the day's rollos or reflections.
- D. Be available for pastoral counseling and confession.
- E. Support and assist the Rector/a, Advisor (Bell Ringer), and other team members as may be appropriate.

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