

*The Joy of the Gospel: Chapter 4 The Social Dimension of Evangelization*  
*Leaders School Presentation: Throwing Yourself In Front of The Grace Train*

The topic of this presentation will be centered on exploring the links between the Cursillo Method, and Living the Christian Ideal as this Plays out in the Call to Charitable and Loving Action in Every Environment We Encounter, and which is at the Heart of the Evangelization that the Pope Speaks of in Chapter 4.

The fruit of Piety – our prayer and watchfulness for God’s action in our lives is Holiness.

The fruit of Study – the things we do to learn more about our faith, whether it is from a book or watching those around us or understanding the dynamics of a particular environment, is Formation.

The fruit of Action – the things we do to live our faith is Evangelization.

As Pope Francis says at the beginning of His Papal Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel: “The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept His offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.”

An encounter with Jesus changes everything as the fruit of the Holy Spirit, all nine: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control take root in the one who has Faith. A person who has genuinely received the gift that Faith and cooperates with the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives in effect throws themselves in front of the Grace Train that is the Holy Spirit. In doing so, such a believer empowers a grace filled transformation that starts in the heart of their own interiority. If the believer is a Cursillista who uses the Cursillo Method as intended, this in turn fuels the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer’s heart of hearts on a daily basis. The work of the Holy Spirit then wells up and erupts cascading outwardly to transform others and each of the environments the believer encounters. This is at the heart of the evangelization the Pope is speaking about. The transformation that comes from a person who cooperates with God’s gift of Faith, a person who in effect cooperates in the Holy Spirit’s mission to renew the face of the earth, and in doing so acts as a willing agent of love. Willing agents of the Holy Spirit become little christs who then act as catalysts for the Christian transformation of hearts and environments that God intends to be remade or renewed in the image of God, who is Love.

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