

## Guidelines for Ultreya Witness Speakers

### Overview of the Ultreya Speaker's Roles

- Lay Witness Talk
  - talk should never exceed 20 minutes
  - talk should not be instruction – it is a simple sharing of speakers own piety, study and action with a witness or examples of their action.
  - needs willingness to share, sincerity and a naturalness of expression that is of the speaker
- Lay Response
  - Lay Response is 3-5 minute response from a lay person relating the witness to his life and or the life/environments of those assembled.
- Clergy Response
  - Clergy Response is 3-5 minutes to relate the talk to the Word of God.
  - Clergy member reflects on either the Scripture mentioned by the speaker or another Scripture reference brought to mind as the priest or deacon listens to the talk.

### Preparing the Lay Witness Talk

The talk is a sharing with the assembly of your **current** Piety, Study and Action. You would begin by sharing your Piety and Study. (Refer to the Group Reunion Sheet). Then after sharing some of your examples of Action in the different environments you are a part of, you would choose one or two of these example to expand upon.

The additional component to a regular group reunion sharing would be a **personal witness story** or examples of your Action. What have you done to further the Kingdom of God in one of your environments? Be specific although every detail need not be provided. The talk should be uplifting and encourage all who hear it to continue to bring the Gospel message to all in their own environments!

It is sometimes necessary to share some background of your life (family status) and of your personal faith journey including notable times of conversion. Although the authentic *Ultreya* Witness doesn't call for this type of sharing to be included, it can **sometimes** enhance the speakers' current witness of piety, study and action. Keep in mind that this portion of your talk is provided as context and is **not** to be the main content of the Witness talk and should be brief.