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Team Leader Training Course

Session 4: The Section & the Team

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Schedule

Date	Time	Title
Tuesday March 24	1:30pm EST	The Mission of the Team Leader
Tuesday March 31	1:30pm EST	Team Life
Tuesday April 14	1:30pm EST	The Team Leader and the Team Member
Tuesday April 21	1:30pm EST	The Section and the Team Leader
Tuesday April 28	1:30pm EST	The Team and Apostolate

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1. Reflection on Scripture
2. RC Statutes and documents
3. Practical training
4. Personal reading suggestions & reflection and development worksheet

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The Section and the Team Leader

1. The Section Structure
2. What is AFIRE?
3. How do Team Leaders help their members live elements of AFIRE?

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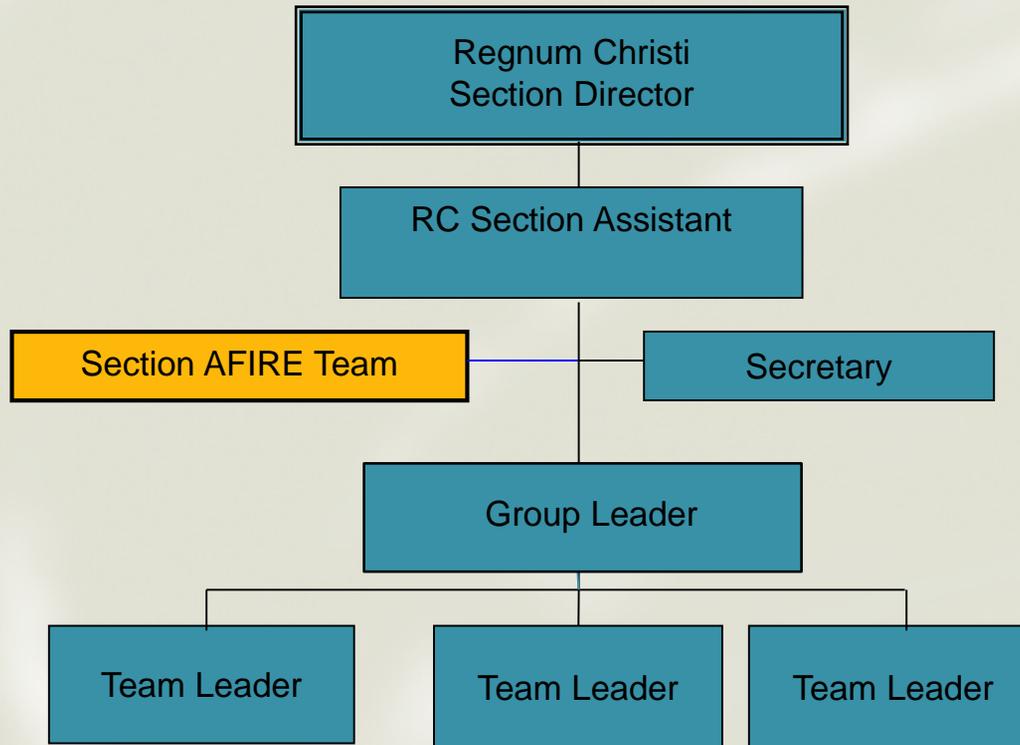
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RC Section Structure



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What is **AFIRE**?

- ▶ An Acronym that represents five key areas that must characterize the life of a member and of the RC section itself: Apostolate, Formation, Integration, Recruitment (Growth), and Economy
- ▶ The section organizes itself to provide the means that members need to fully live these aspects through an AFIRE team.
- ▶ The member is also supported in the life of AFIRE through their team life.

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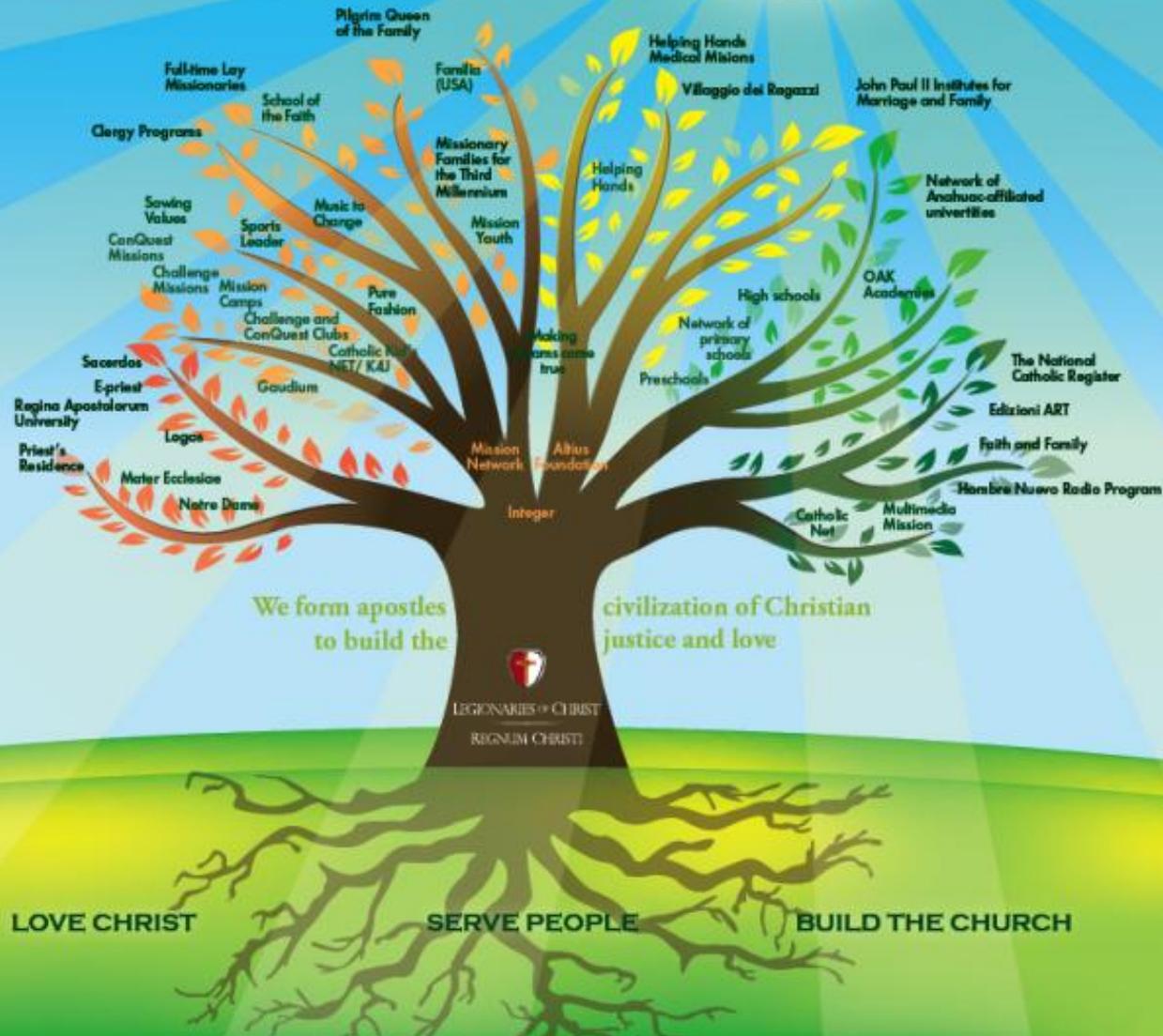
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Apostolate

TO LIVE AND GET OTHERS TO LIVE
INTEGRAL CHRISTIANITY

TO KNOW, LIVE,
AND SHARE
GOD'S LOVE

Adults
Youth
Children
Building the family





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**A team leader builds
apostolate by**

- ▶ ***Building apostles...authentic, holy, integrated members***
- ▶ ***ensuring each member has a concrete and specific apostolate***
 - ▶ ***tailored to each one's strengths and potential***
 - ▶ ***motivate members who may be passive or nervous about getting involved in apostolate***
 - ▶ ***know what and how each member is working in the apostolate, but leave apostolic advice to their directors***

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Formation

- ▶ *the Movement's ranks should be filled with men and women who are **outstanding** for their mettle, preparation and self-giving to Christ's cause. To achieve this, each Regnum Christi member must strive to acquire an integral formation that will **enable them to live out their spiritual commitment to the maximum and carry out their apostolic mission effectively and responsibly.***

Regnum Christi Handbook, 308

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A team leader builds formation by

- ▶ *Taking a special interest in the members' formation –especially the formators – talk to them about how they are forming themselves*
- ▶ *Study and dedication to lead study circles well. If there are other formators on the team, motivate them to specialize in one or more themes, to be able to impart this formation to others.*
- ▶ *Motivating members to take advantage of their study circles, RC Spirituality resources and other solid books, websites and formative opportunities.*
- ▶ *Knowing that each member and each team should have a reading plan to keep formation ongoing –not only for their own enrichment, but for the good of souls and the Movement.*
- ▶ *Encouraging members to attend conventions and other courses offered by the Movement or its apostolates.*
- ▶ *Being experts in the Handbook of Regnum Christi, able to apply it to personal and team situations. This ensures you can form others through your example.*

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Integration

imbued with holiness & closeness to Christ; aspiring to it in one's own life

mind and heart attuned with the spirit and vocation of the Movement

love the Movement as the Spiritual family
God wants one to live out the demands of love in one's own life through.

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**A team leader builds
integration by**

- ▶ *working to create a healthy atmosphere among all the team members so that each one feels welcomed, loved, and respected. There should be a sincere interest for each other, shown in mutual support and being there for the important moments of each other's lives*

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**A team leader builds
integration by**

Motivating team members in:

- ~attendance, punctuality, participation at Section & team events*
- ~encouraging regular spiritual direction/guidance*
- ~following the essence & method for the Encounter with Christ – with a spirit of love and joy*
- ~motivating and encouraging fidelity to commitments to Christ in the Movement*

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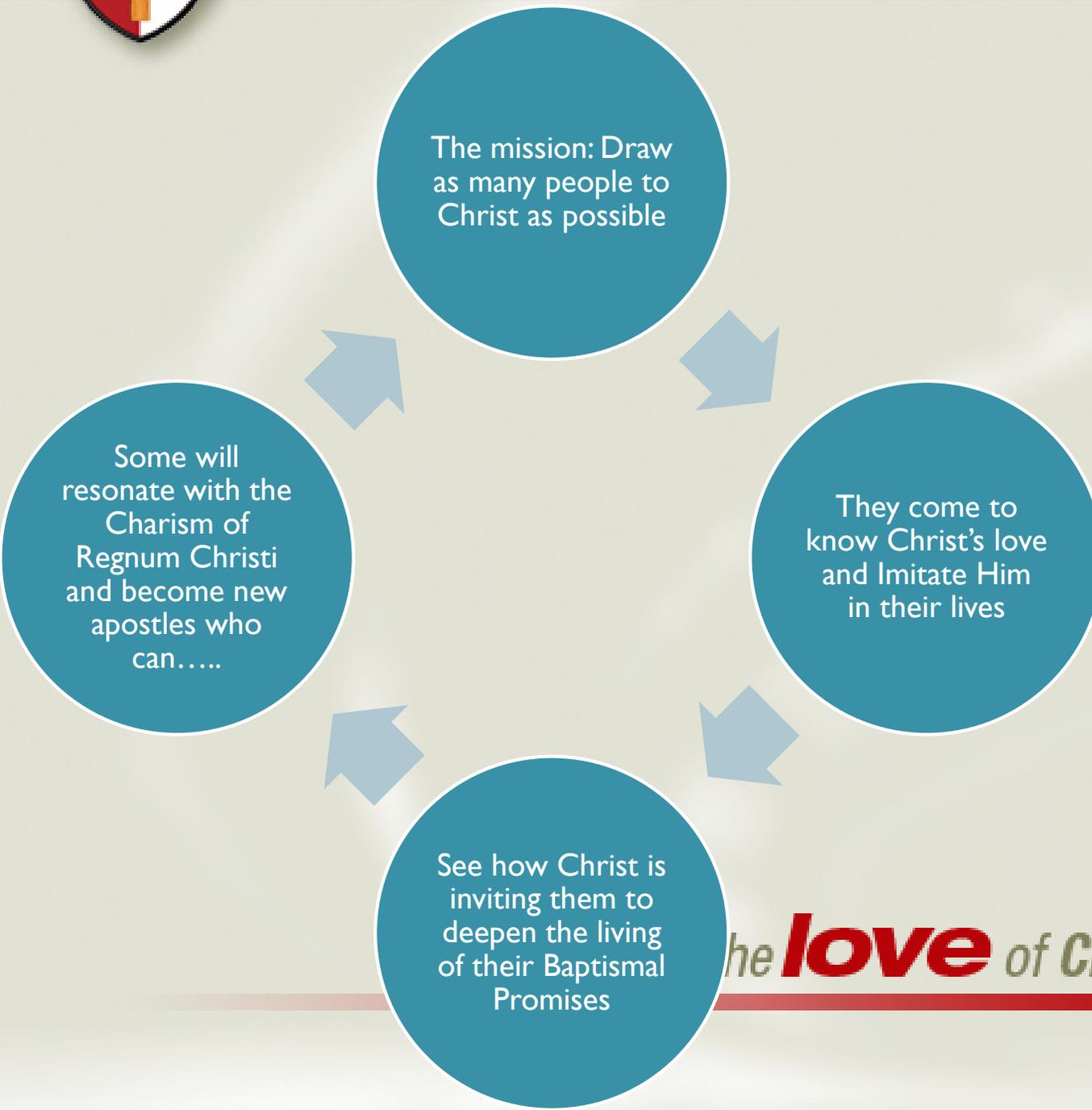
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Recruitment (Growth)



Recruitment is better explained as growth, and it happens through the natural witness and openness of the life of a Regnum Christi Member

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**A team leader
builds growth by**

- ▶ *ensuring the Encounter with Christ is faithful, and lived deeply, to stimulate apostolic zeal to reach more souls for Christ*
- ▶ *As a general rule, the Encounter with Christ and the study circle are activities for Regnum Christi members. However, it is always possible to occasionally invite interested people to get to know Regnum Christi better, as long as they are of the same sex and according to the criteria of team homogeneity.*
- ▶ *A great means currently in use: open study circles and open encounters*

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- ▶ **Although Regnum Christi's purposes are fundamentally spiritual and religious, it is still an institution situated in time, and therefore, human. It needs material means to develop and grow to serve the Church. Each Movement member should be concerned about generating these material resources.**

Regnum Christi Handbook, 324

- ▶ **CCC2544** Jesus enjoins his disciples to prefer him to everything and everyone. Shortly before his passion he gave them the example of the poor widow of Jerusalem who, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on.³³⁶ The precept of detachment from riches is obligatory for entrance into the Kingdom of heaven.
- ▶ **CCC 2404** "In his use of things man should regard the external goods he legitimately owns not merely as exclusive to himself but common to others also, in the sense that they can benefit others as well as himself."¹⁸⁸ The ownership of any property makes its holder a steward of Providence, with the task of making it fruitful and communicating its benefits to others, first of all his family.
- ▶ **CCC2446** St. John Chrysostom vigorously recalls this: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs."²³⁹ "The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity":²⁴⁰

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**The team leader
builds economy by**

Promoting and supporting the economic activity of the team; encouraging the members to contribute to the Movement's needs as they are able.

Motivating the members to be generous with their material support to the Church and the Movement, living gospel poverty and detachment

Taking part in the economic activities established in the annual program.

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In team life AFIRE
means....

“The life of Regnum Christi is built around the teams as the fundamental structure of the Movement. The sections should foster in all senses the full development of the life of the teams.

Teams should be a warm and welcoming environment where they can meet and spend moments in a climate of healthy apostolic zeal, formation, friendship, commitment, generosity and authenticity.”

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The team leader encourages growth of members through

Conventions

Spiritual Exercises

Monthly retreats

Spiritual Direction

Life of Prayer

Apostolate

Economic Initiatives and a spirit of material detachment

Team Life

Personal Attention to each member

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Activity for Session 4

The Section and the Team

Recommended reading:

Regnum Christi Member Handbook: 358-396 Participation in the Life in the Movement

Activity:

Actively engage all of your members in the life of the Movement through AFIRE by:

1. Knowing how each member is living each aspect of it. Use team dialogue as a way to discuss the elements of RC life (AFIRE) with each one.
2. Promoting and actively encouraging the team to take part in section events.
3. Think about how your team will live AFIRE in the next year and discuss together. Example:
 - A. All team members have an apostolate that fits with their talents, interests, Charism and state in life
 - F. The team will use the RC renewal materials and activities as a main means of formation
 - I. Hold at least 2 events with a social and formative element, to build integration and friendship
 - R. Host open encounters twice a year and invite any interested people to come with you and your members to open retreats.
 - E. Consider a team fundraiser to help the section's needs, to do a team apostolic project (i.e.: local mission day) or to help team members get to retreats or conventions.

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