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## Portrait of the Regnum Christi Section Director

*The lay members of Regnum Christi are grouped into sections. Each section has a director, who can be a member of any federated institution or a lay member. They must have the proper qualities and be appointed by the Territorial Directive College. SRCF #44*

The section director is entrusted with directing and developing the life of his section for the good of its members, always with an eye on the goal of expanding the Kingdom of Christ: welcoming new members, forming committed and authentic Christians, organizing the members, and helping them to work effectively in their apostolic activities. With this in mind, these guidelines aim to help the section director better understand his role. The guidelines are built upon the Statutes of the Regnum Christi Federation (SRCF) and the Rule of Life (ROL) which every section director should deeply assimilate and take to heart through study and prayer.

### Profile of the Section Director

*Regnum Christi seeks to give glory to God and make the Kingdom of Christ present in the hearts of all people and in society, by our sanctification in the state and condition of life to which God has called us, and by personal and communal apostolic action. SRCF #7*

Section directors should first and foremost be persons of prayer, guided by the Statutes of the Regnum Christi Federation, convicted in the identity of Regnum Christi, enthusiasts for the Kingdom of Christ, well-acquainted with the Rule of Life and the apostolic principles, capable of building teams and fostering Regnum Christi life in the section, humble, prudent, trustworthy, accountable, working to develop their personal leadership capacity so to foster a collaborative spirit among the members that leads to communion and apostolic growth.

At the heart of a section director is a passionate love for Christ and zeal for souls. The words of St. Paul resound in the depths of all Regnum Christi members: "He loved me and gave himself up for me" (cf. Gal. 2:20) and "the love of Christ impels us" (cf. 1 Cor. 5:14). The experience of the love of God gives a soul the desire to respond with a passionate love for Christ and for what he loves: the Church, the Charism, souls. Thus, every section director is called to grow daily in his relationship of love for Christ, awakening his zeal to attract many souls to Christ, and infuse them with the same passion of love for the Church and for mankind, his brothers and sisters.

### The Section Director's Role within Regnum Christi

The section director's role is supporting the section leadership, especially the team leaders, enabling them to: foster the prayer life and integral formation of all its members, help promote the family spirit of Regnum Christi, extend the invitation and welcoming of new members, and encourage accompaniment, apostolic action, and a healthy economy. ROL #32-33

Specifically:

- The section director's work is carried out under the guidance of the local Regnum Christi director (RCD) within a specific locality. A locality is a community of apostles which promotes communion, coordinates resources and efforts and fosters the common mission across all those who participate in the locality. SRCF 54
- The section director meets regularly with the RCD for apostolic dialogue, informing him about the life and apostolic action of their section and securing the support needed.



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- The section director leads each section to create an annual section plan, section budget and provide semester reports as requested, according to the approved format. The semester report should include the member statistics that the section keeps updated.

The Regnum Christi Federation values the role of the section director and is committed to support him in his role. The Federation, both locally and at the territory level, seeks to offer section directors resources to support him in his role, including means for growing in their personal leadership capacity, resources for training their formators and members, and access to national apostolic programs.

Although they are the first one responsible for the section, the directors may delegate the execution of different aspects of the annual section program to members of his section leadership team (AFIRE). Section directors seek to empower, accompany and train people to direct or work in the apostolic initiatives and integral formation of the members of the section.

### The Four Priority Tasks of a Section Director: Direct, Accompany, Form and Launch

The section director invests his time in the following four priority areas:

- **directing** the section with the assistance of his council
- ensuring the **accompaniment** and **formation** of formators: team leaders, group leaders (where present), heads of apostolates and spiritual directors.
- **launching** members into leadership positions within the section; supporting apostolic initiatives and apostolic directors within Regnum Christi; and facilitating collaboration between all sections in the locality, especially ECYD and young adult sections.

#### Direct

Directing the section includes guiding the section's development and growth. It fundamentally implies:

- forming and organizing his council and AFIRE / work team;
- with the help of his work team, writing up the section program and spurring on its fulfillment by giving them a share in the responsibility and guiding them.
- applying the means to fulfill the guidelines of the Territorial Directive College and the locality annual plan aimed at meeting the needs of the Church.
- always modeling the RC Identity, supernatural joy and zeal in the section's work team.

Directing, therefore, does not mean doing everything himself or trying to be involved in every detail of the operation of the section and its apostolates; rather, it means committing to and accompanying others in the fulfillment of a shared plan.

#### Accompany

Accompaniment within the section implies being attentive to the situation and needs of its members, providing the personal attention needed as members seek to grow in their love for Christ. It includes the work of transmitting the sense of belonging, of growth, and of generosity among Regnum Christi's members. Monthly conversation between the team leader and his team members (team dialogue) and or a section director and the head of an apostolate (apostolic dialogue) are important aspects of accompaniment.

*Accompaniment is required to form convinced apostles who aspire to the fullness of life in Christ. Accompaniment is understood as close, stable personal attention marked by selfless service. It seeks to help the other be open to the action of grace and contribute their own human collaboration, so they can respond to the questions and challenges they encounter on their journey of human and spiritual growth. SRCF 35.1*



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Life in the section becomes a place for members to grow and live out their vocation to be Christian leaders among their peers. The Section Director's mission is to encourage, train and accompany these men and women who then carry out an essential role within the section and Regnum Christi.

### Form

*The Federation promotes the formation of formators because of the awareness that people who are well prepared to form, guide and inspire others are essential for deep, lasting and dynamic apostolic action. SRCF36.*

The section director is the first one responsible for the life of the section. However, he should seek to form and organize his assistants, group and team leaders, spiritual guides, and formators in such a way that they are the ones who carry it forward. It is essential for him to dedicate himself to forming new formators who can become his assistants, apostolate directors, group or team leaders, or spiritual guides.

By associating to the Regnum Christi Federation, lay members commitment themselves to *apply themselves to their integral formation and forging their Christian leadership* (ROL #17). The section director works to build an environment where this integral formation can take place.

For the growth in the sense of belonging, generosity and co-responsibility for the life of the section and in the number of apostles in his section, the director should try to have as many formators as possible. He should dedicate the majority of his time and effort to this. The formation program can help to inspire the formators and guide them so that they transmit Regnum Christi's charism and methodology, and so become mentors of their brothers and sisters. He should always try to have a group of members preparing to be formators: it is not a matter of maintaining the necessary formators, but of preparing those who will make the section's growth possible.

He should be well acquainted with the Formation Pathway and try to discern in what area of formation they can best contribute their personal gifts. Apply the principle of *hacer, hacer, dejar hacer*, give them work and concrete tasks and entrust big responsibilities to them according to their preparation and degree of integration.

The team leaders play the most important role in the life of a section. Thus, the section director should try to form members who stand out for their affective and effective integration with Regnum Christi, for their leadership, sense of initiative and zeal to invite others to join the mission of saving souls and building the Church through Regnum Christi. The best way of preparing team leaders is by offering them detailed personal attention and by training them through other formators who are good team leaders. Naturally, when starting up a section, the section director will have to be more involved in this work, or he can ask for help from formators from other sections.

### Launch

Launching means inspiring and facilitating the section members to deep, lasting and dynamic apostolic action. The section director seeks to launch his men and women according to their personal talents and skills, always seeking to carry out the most effective action in depth and breadth to establish Christ's Kingdom.

*Inspired by Christ's charity, the members of the federated institutions and the associated faithful carry out their apostolate in an organized and effective way. To do so:*

- 1. ° in any activity they undertake, they always keep the mission and goals in mind;*
- 2. ° they work in an orderly and organized way;*
- 3. ° they work as a team, each seeking to give their best at the service of the mission and making the most of the synergy that comes from the complementarity of personalities,*



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*views and experiences. They apply the methodological principle "do, help others do and let others do." SRCF 39*

### Section Director Style of Work - Person to Person

"Person to person" care is one of the fundamental principles of Regnum Christi's formative and apostolic methodology. When members become part of this family, within the great family of the Church, Regnum Christi members are called to experience the personal love of Christ and to give him a personal response in freedom. At the same time, they live out the community dimension of their Christian vocation by sharing their faith, ideals, efforts, and projects with others. Listening to the members and asking for feedback is key to a healthy section. The constant presence of the section director and of his assistants is one of the most important means to get to know each member by name, help each one to feel welcomed and loved, instill the necessary trust and closeness so that he can guide them in their personal commitment to Christ and Regnum Christi.

The section director's priority is to ensure each member receives the deep and constant personal attention that will help them reach the fulfillment of their Christian vocation. Although the director does not have to attend each member himself, he is responsible for making sure that all the members are duly attended by the spiritual directors and guides, especially the team leaders and formators.

He should seek to give each member a sense of urgency to fulfill the plan of God so that they will be generous in lending themselves to the work of evangelization in their family, social, and professional milieus, and contribute their qualities, formation, time, and possessions to the mission, according to what Christ is asking of each one.

### Practical Aspects of the Role

To carry out the work of directing the section, it is recommended the section director holds the following monthly and annual meetings:

#### Monthly

- With the local RC Director to analyze the progress of the section, in general, and propose new apostolic ideas and initiatives, if any.
- With section leadership (group leaders/ team leader trainers, spiritual director/s or spiritual director formators, directors of apostolates or of apostolic programs that depend on the section, and section chaplain) for the purpose of:
  - Assessing health and vibrancy of the section
  - Strengthen the RC identity, sense of belonging, growth, generosity and co-responsibility for the life of the section.
  - Bringing to the forefront any apostolic initiatives or concerns.
  - Updating one another on the execution of the annual program and analysis of the fulfillment of the section program.
  - Review of the section calendar.
  - Assess both the attention given to those serving as spiritual directors and the attention given the members in spiritual direction.
  - Review the promotion of vocations across the spiritual family, future RC Mission Corps missionaries, and formation of formators.
- With section AFIRE /work team regarding:
  - Programming and analysis of the fulfillment of the section program and calendar.
  - Detection of future formators and the plans to train and accompany them.
  - Promote new growth of members in Regnum Christi.
  - Vocation promotion.
  - Collaboration with the efforts of the other sections where applicable.



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- With the section assistant, if there is one, on a weekly or biweekly for ordinary business and follow up.

### **Annually**

- All the formators of a section gather together to discern and set the annual program and budget
- The section director oversees the delegation of responsibilities, appoints members to positions (team leaders, group leaders, spiritual directors, formators).
- The section director presents the section program and calendar to the members and works to infuse the sense of belonging, growth, generosity and co-responsibility for the life of the section into the hands of the members.