

Thy Kingdom Come!

GUIDELINES FOR THE SECTION DIRECTOR¹

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¹ These guidelines presuppose the knowledge of what is established for section directors in the *Constitutions of the Legion of Christ* and in the *Statutes and Rules of the Regnum Christi Movement*, as well as what is written in the *Regnum Christi Handbook*.

Introduction

- Being a Regnum Christi section director is one of the most beautiful and challenging of apostolates. It fundamentally consists in helping people to know, live, and transmit the love that Jesus Christ brought us by his Incarnation;² it also entails helping them to find the path of their human and Christian fulfillment. Such a task presupposes a sincere love, like Christ's, for each of the members that the Movement puts in his or her hands.
- These guidelines seek to help the section director effectively direct and develop his section; keep his eyes on the goal of expanding the Kingdom of Christ by looking for new members, forming committed and authentic Christians, organizing the members, and helping them to work effectively in their apostolic activities.³ These guidelines, however, cannot take the place of the Statutes and Regnum Christi Manual, which he should deeply assimilate and take to heart through study and prayer.
- These guidelines are divided into two parts: the first part outlines the director's main tasks, while the second part explains the life of the section through the areas of integration, growth, apostolate, formation, economy, and ECYD.

² Cf. Decree of Approval of the *Statutes and Rules of the Regnum Christi Movement*.

³ *Statutes and Rules of the Regnum Christi Movement*, n. 865.

First part: the director

Profile of the section director

- As the Regnum Christi Statutes say, “Section directors should be persons of prayer, faithful to the Statutes, enthusiasts for the Kingdom of Christ, well-acquainted with the apostolic methods and experienced in applying them, humble, dependent, prudent, responsible, hard-working, detached from themselves, and ready to sacrifice themselves and all their energy to expand the Kingdom of Christ”.⁴ In addition, it is particularly helpful for their mission if they have a healthy spirit of fun, joy, patience, an enthusiastic preaching style, and the capacity to draw closer to people in the more relaxed moments of team life.
- The fundamental virtues of a section director are passionate love for Christ and zeal for souls. The heart of the Legionary, consecrated member, or committed lay person who directs a section should resound with the words of St. Paul: “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 Movement, souls. Thus, every section director is called to grow every day in his relationship of love for Christ; he must enliven 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 person who is appointed as a section director should have or be developing the virtues and skills to direct his section and sagaciously, skillfully, and effectively help it to develop. He should be focused on expanding Christ’s Kingdom by looking for new members and by forming committed and authentic Christians who can multiply his efforts to evangelize.

The section director’s lines of dependence

- His work is carried out in dependence on the territorial director, either directly or through the assistant to the territorial director for the area of apostolic consolidation, planning, and development. He is also given guidance by the territorial coordinator of apostolate and consults with the local coordinator of apostolate and his auxiliary team.⁵
- The section director informs the general director and territorial director about the life and apostolic action of the section entrusted to him by sending an objective and sufficiently complete report as requested, according to the approved format. This report should include the statistics that the section secretary keeps updated.
- Regnum Christi offers section directors the following support:
 1. Means for training their personnel, both to direct the apostolates and to fulfill their responsibilities in the section (as assistants, team leaders, etc.).
 2. Apostolate programs and resources for formation and mystique.
 3. A local growth plan to help live out *esprit de corps* between the sections and apostolates in a specific geographical zone.

⁴ *Statutes and Rules of the Regnum Christi Movement*, n. 863 §3

⁵ *Ibid*, n. 865

- Each section can choose, according to their situation and the priorities set by the territorial director, the apostolic programs best suited to their situation, adjusting them to the growth plan for the locality. Once the program is chosen, it should be implemented according to the approved models.
- Although he is the first one responsible for the section, the director delegates to his assistant the execution of the annual section program and of the growth plan. He assigns trained people to direct or work in the programs. His fundamental mission is to watch over the spiritual life and apostolic dynamism of the members of the section who are committed to those programs.⁶ He should take into account, on the other hand, that the national or local director of the program can have direct communication with the section's program directors and can offer them materials, training, processes, methodology, etc.

The four priority tasks: direct, give personal attention, preach, and launch

- The section director invests all of his time in the following four areas:
 1. directing the section;
 2. attending the members;
 3. preaching;
 4. launching the people, apostolates, and centers of Regnum Christi. He also forms and gives personal attention to his assistants and team of formators—including the ECYD assistant in the youth sections—how to work according to these priorities, and delegates increasing responsibility to them.
- **Directing** means guiding the section's growth. It fundamentally implies:
 1. forming and organizing his team;
 2. with the help of the section assistant, writing up the section program and spurring on its fulfillment by giving his co-workers a share in the responsibility and guiding them;
 3. applying the means to fulfill the guidelines of the general director and the territorial director and being able to meet the most urgent needs of the Church.
 4. keeping up a high level of mystique and zeal in the section's directive team.

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

- **Attending** means helping each section member achieve his Christian maturity,⁷ watching over their sanctification, forming formators, and helping all of them to set out on the path toward their vocational fulfillment. It implies being attentive to their situation and needs, and accompanying them as they follow Christ. It includes the work of transmitting the mystique of belonging, of growth, and of generosity among the Movement's members.
- The most effective means to give personal attention to the members are: the administration of the sacraments (for priests), spiritual direction, and spending time with

⁶ Cf. *Constitutions of the Legion of Christ*, n. 800.

⁷ Cf. *Ibid.*, n. 800 §1.

them, becoming a father (or mother) and a friend for each one. Periodic personal attention becomes accessible to everyone through the section director's assistants, the group leaders, the team leaders, and the formators in general, according to the tasks entrusted to them.

- **Preaching** in season and out of season (cf. 1 Tim. 4:2) is one of the most pressing tasks of every Christian, especially for those who have some responsibility for souls. Through it, the section director and his team communicate the Christian spirit and the spirit of the Movement, form and inform consciences, make known the richness of Catholic doctrine, and transmit the guidelines of the Pope, the local bishops, and the directors of Regnum Christi. To preach effectively, it is essential for him to prepare every public intervention conscientiously and seriously, and give his talks with enthusiasm and clarity. He should also multiply his work as a herald of the Gospel by training formators to preach so that they too will be zealous and effective witnesses of the Word of salvation.⁸
- **Launching** means pushing the section to achieve new formative and apostolic goals, according to our spirit. This implies that the section director learns to discover opportunities and take advantage of them; forms an attitude of active work that seeks to put all of his talents and resources at the service of Christ's Kingdom; takes advantage of his time; launches his men and women to the maximum; always seeks to carry out the most effective action in depth and breadth to establish Christ's Kingdom. To launch effectively, it is particularly important for him to be in frequent contact with clergy, people of greater leadership, benefactors, and talented youth. With their help, he will be able to identify the most urgent needs of the place where the section is located so that the members can offer the human and material resources to carry out influential works of apostolate.
- The 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.

⁸ Cf. Rite of incorporation into the first degree of Regnum Christi.

1. Directing the section

- To carry out the work of directing the section, the section director holds the following periodic meetings:
 - a. Established by the Regnum Christi Statutes.

With whom	Frequency	Purpose
RC Local Director	Monthly	Analyze the progress of the Movement, in general, in the various sections. Propose new apostolic ideas and initiatives, if any, to launch them. (SRC 854, 4 ^o)
Group leaders	Monthly	Programming and analysis of the fulfillment of the section program. (SRC 873) Recommended maximum duration: 1 hour
Section AFIRE coordination team	Monthly	Programming and analysis of the fulfillment of the section program. (SRC 873) Recommended maximum duration: 1 hour
Section director's assistants	Weekly	Ordinary follow-up. (SRC 982§1). Recommended maximum duration: 30 min.

b. Recommended meetings

Who participates	Frequency	Purpose
Auxiliary team of the section (Legionary chaplains, consecrated, co-workers)	Bi-weekly if the team is mainly composed of priests or experienced consecrated members. Weekly if there are many religious on apostolic internships, for the good of their formation.	Imbue mystique, check the section calendar, the attention given in spiritual direction, the promotion of vocations, co-workers, and formators. Recall the objectives of the program for the next period. Recommended maximum duration: 30 min. If weekly: 20 min.
Formators of the section	Monthly	Imbue mystique and cover topics of formation. Transmit guidelines. This meeting is not the means to transmit ordinary formation. Recommended maximum duration: 45 min.
Directors of apostolates or of apostolic programs that depend on the section	Bimonthly	Check the fulfillment of the objectives. Detect future formators. Growth of members of Regnum Christi. Vocations.
All the formators of a section	During a weekend at the beginning of each semester.	Present the section program and calendar, give out responsibilities, set positions and dates, and above all, infuse a strong mystique of belonging, growth, and generosity: the section is in their hands.
Group leaders, AFIRE coordinators, representative formators of the	Five months before the end of the school year	Write the annual section program for next year, plus the budget.

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2. Personal attention to the members

19. "Person to person" care is one of the fundamental principles of Regnum Christi's formative and apostolic methodology. When they become part of this family within the great family of the Church, Movement 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.
20. 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 the Movement.
21. The director's priority is to guide souls, giving each member a 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.
22. 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.
23. For the growth in mystique 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 give him some pointers to forge the formators and guide them so that they know and apply Regnum Christi's mystique and methodology, and so become guides 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. One particularly apt means for this is to invite each formator to be training at least one future formator.⁹
24. He should try to discern in what area of formation they can best contribute their personal gifts. Apply the principle of *hacer hacer* and *dejar hacer*; give them work and concrete tasks, and entrust big responsibilities to them according to their preparation and degree of integration.¹⁰
25. 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 the Movement, 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

⁹ Cf. Guidelines for the Formation of Formators

¹⁰ Cf. *Communiqué of the Second Ordinary General Chapter*, n.313

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.

26. He should work with great constancy to make the members of second degree the heart of each section by their example, self-giving, and availability.¹¹ He should tirelessly promote this way of life in the Movement.¹²
27. The means that the director can use to reach this objective are primarily preaching and spiritual direction. However, the atmosphere of the section is also very helpful, especially the members' witness of self-giving, leadership, and active love for Christ and the Church.
28. Through the section's formators, the auxiliary team, and the ECYD directive team, the section director should get all the members of his section to become vocational promoters. Above all, he should teach them to see the Church's need for men and women who give their entire lives to serve the Gospel. He should also offer them training and information necessary for them to be able to work effectively in this area.
29. The section director, with the help of his team of formators and his auxiliary team, should offer those members who are called to holiness in the married life the means of preparation and formation that will help them to prepare for this path and persevere in it. He should help them to understand and embrace the Church's teachings on family life and conjugal love so that they will form happy families that are strong in the faith and open to life, with the desire to have many children, and with a great appreciation for holiness and for consecrated vocations.

3. Preach in season and out of season

30. There are various moments for preaching in the life of the section, and they should be used well to help each member grow in his faith and personal commitment to Christ. Some of these means are described below:
 - ***Triduums of renewal.*** The director will preach some of the triduums, especially where formators are present, and even more so when the triduum is for second degree members. However, he should try to form lay people who know how to preach and will be capable of exercising their apostolate in this way.
 - ***Weekends for formators of Regnum Christi or ECYD leaders.*** Insofar as it is possible, the section director should give the mystique talks. The meditations, which he can delegate to experienced members, are also opportunities to teach the members how to pray and to transmit our spirituality.
 - ***Conventions:*** He should to give the mystique talks and some of the key conferences in order to reap the fruits of the convention. He should invite experienced formators to help with the meditations and other talks

¹¹ Cf. *Regnum Christi Handbook for the Second Degree*

¹² Cfr. *Communiqué of the Second Ordinary General Chapter*, n. 545

- Monthly retreats and open talks. The section director normally preaches the meditation and delegates the preaching of the talk to a qualified formator, unless particular circumstances advise otherwise.
 - Monthly Eucharistic hours. Ideally, they should be taken on by the formators, although the director or some member of his team can preach if circumstances suggest it.
31. The section director should make sure not to improvise the preaching, but prepare it carefully, aware that the Holy Spirit will act more easily when the instrument is more prepared. He should invest time in training other preachers so that he can be dedicated to giving personal attention to the members, forming formators, and directing the section.
32. Preaching is also done through the witness of life of the members, through messages, casual encounters, displays or posters, etc. He should make sure that through these informal means, evangelization is happening consistently and the members are growing deeper in their faith and love for Christ, and in their own spirituality.

4. Launching

33. The section director who is just beginning his work should pay recourse as much as possible to those who have some knowledge of the section and the surrounding society.¹³ He should dedicate himself to knowing the work that was done before his arrival to the section; he should also know and assimilate the specific traits of the section, the general profile and situation of the members, the established procedures and institutions, and the normal development of the section. Likewise, he should find out about the needs of the local Church, the possible fields of growth, and the social institutions that look promising for expansion. With all that in mind, and without disturbing what was done before, the section director should launch the section¹⁴ on its expansion and consolidation.
34. The daily and weekly work of the section director is governed by his annual program, which should be in harmony with the local growth plan. He should periodically evaluate the fulfillment of his objectives, mainly in what concerns the growth and sanctification of his members, to see if the means he is using are the most suitable ones.¹⁵
35. In his work, he should try to launch the members of the section so that they become apostles within society, seek excellence in what they do, and from their positions, irradiate the light of the Gospel and the fire of Christ's love.
36. He should be attentive to the opportunities that God, in his providence, puts in his hands. He should also be close to the bishop and the parish priests in the places where the section is developing. In this way, he can enthusiastically support their priorities. Besides that, he should personally know and closely follow up on people with greater leadership, as well as benefactors and sympathizers; he should bring them to Christ and avoid remaining on the level of a merely social relationship.

¹³ Cf. Guidelines for the change of section director

¹⁴ Cf. *Communiqué of the Second Ordinary General Chapter*, n.226

¹⁵ Cf. *Constitutions of the Legion of Christ*, n. 802.

37. He should actively cooperate with the Regnum Christi Local Director, and above all with his section assistants, for the execution of the growth plan. He should especially make sure that the section members who cooperate in the various evangelizing programs invite other people to discern a call to membership in the Movement. He should be available to spiritually attend the new contacts so as to help them grow in their knowledge and love for Christ, and so that if it's God's will, they can incorporate into the Movement.

Second part: AFIRE - Life in the section

38. Since Regnum Christi is a vocation, a mission, and a way of living and getting others to live the Catholic faith, the life of the section cannot be reduced to a collection of extraordinary activities. What is most decisive for the Movement's vitality and ability to put its charism at the service of the Church is ordinary life in the section.
39. It can be said that the ordinary life of the section is spelled out in five main areas: integration, growth, apostolate, formation, and economy. It is in these aspects that the section director—and in reality, every Movement member—should seek the development and flourishing of Regnum Christi. It is not about putting structures of control or optional elements, but about the vital functions of a Regnum Christi section.

Integration

40. The director, with all the formators of the section, seeks to get each member to make it his first aspiration and goal to achieve a deep integration with his own vocation to holiness in the Church, according to the specific traits of Regnum Christi's spirituality, mystique, and charism. For the member, this means letting himself be deeply penetrated by the holiness that the men and women of the Kingdom see in Jesus Christ, and aspiring to it in his own life. It means getting to know and love the spirituality of Regnum Christi as a gift that God grants him for the development of his personal life and mission. It also includes assimilating the Movement's criteria for formation and apostolate and applying them in his personal life and apostolic activity. It means loving the Movement as the fruitful soil where God wants him to bear fruit for the good of the Church, and living out the demands of this love in his own life.
41. Some of the means that are most helpful for the members' integration with Regnum Christi are: the commitments of spiritual life, spiritual direction, participation in Regnum Christi activities, the apostolate, and life in the Movement center.¹⁶ One must also add that the living of the charism of charity, *benedicencia*, and *esprit de corps* constitutes one of the main gifts that God puts in the hands of Regnum Christi members to help them live their vocation, build the Church, and proclaim the Gospel in a credible way.¹⁷

¹⁶ *Regnum Christi Handbook*, nos. 263-293.

¹⁷ Cf. Tertullian, *Apology for the Christians*, 29,4.

42. Of particular importance to the members' integration are Regnum Christi conventions and events, as well as the means to know and transmit the Movement's mystique, such as books, bulletins, and other resources.

Growth

43. One great challenge for the section director is to get each member to have an ardent zeal to attract as many people as possible to Christ and the Church so that by living the Regnum Christi spirituality and charism, they in turn will become convinced apostles in their surroundings, if God calls them to that path. To achieve this end, he should help each member to achieve a deep Christian life matured in prayer, spiritual direction, preaching, and conventions.
44. The logical consequence of faith and knowledge of Christ is love, which quickly flowers into a desire to bring as many men and women as possible to participate in Christ's love, too. From there it can be said that growth is a natural expression of a love that should be constantly fed.
45. He should make sure that all the apostolic activities, as well as the apostolates in which the section members participate, have concretely defined steps to be taken with the people who will be invited to get to know the Movement better and possibly incorporate. He should work to infuse a strong mystique of growth so as to be able to help as many people as possible to know, live, and transmit love, and to be able to offer the Church lay people who are qualified to serve, profoundly in love with Christ.

Apostolate

46. In accord with the charism of Regnum Christi and urged on by the needs of the Church, the director and his team should make sure that all the teams of the section carry out or participate in some far-reaching apostolate. It is best to do apostolate as a team, but it can also be done individually. The section director should enthusiastically promote the apostolates that can bring the greatest good to the Church and encourage the members to do apostolate in their own home parishes.
47. A fundamental task of the section director is to launch the members of his section into decisive apostolic action.
48. It is through their apostolic action that many members will have a deeper experience of Christ and savor the joy of sharing him with others. Thus, apostolic action is an especially effective means for identifying and training new formators, both men and women, who are integrated with their vocation and mission. It would be a grave mistake to stop the section members' apostolic projection thinking that they are not sufficiently formed, since apostolic action is a catalyst for their formation, and because faith is strengthened when it is given to others.¹⁸ We have to cast the nets time and time again.

¹⁸ Cf. John Paul II, *Encyclical Redemptoris Missio*, n.2.

Formation

49. Through his section assistant and formation coordinator, the director should make sure that the formation program established for the youth and adult sections is faithfully given so that all the members of the section fulfill the formative curriculum throughout their years in the Movement (Cf. Formation Program of Regnum Christi Members).
50. Aware that if the apostle is not a true man of God, he will not be able to fulfill the mission, he should offer activities in which the men and women of the section can come into closer contact with God (such as workshops, spiritual exercises, spirituality talks, etc.) and that will help them to grow in charity and apostolic zeal.
51. He should make sure that the study circles and other means for intellectual formation are always attractive, relevant, and professionally prepared. He should also ensure that the content given is in absolute fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church and that it trains the participants to give reason for their hope¹⁹ to the men and women of our age.

Economy

52. The section director should make sure that the members live the spirit of gospel poverty and generosity that will lead them to make good use of their material goods. This will lead the members to openness to the needs of their less privileged brothers and sisters, and to the needs of the Church.
53. The Movement should invest whatever is necessary to offer its members a formation adapted to the challenges that the Church must face, to organize quality activities, to sustain our apostolates, and to launch new initiatives that will respond to the needs of the Church and of mankind, especially the underprivileged. In addition, the Movement needs to support vocations to the religious or consecrated life. The section director – through the economy coordinator – should watch over the economy coordination and promote a spirit of material generosity among the members so that the section can create a strong and stable economy. He should also encourage the creation of business ventures that will ensure the economic stability of the section and the apostolates.

Communication

54. In each section, there should be a person or a team, within the integration coordination team, who will act as a connecting point with the Regnum Christi office of institutional communication. His main function is to distribute the messages and

¹⁹ Cf. 1 Pet. 3:15.

materials that this office produces in order to ensure that it reaches all of the members. It could be very helpful if he were to work closely with the section secretary.

Appointments for roles in the section

55. The territorial director approves the appointments of section directors' assistants as well as the religious, consecrated, and lay section directors. He also approves the administrators of the sections.
56. The section director presents to the territorial director the name of the candidate for the role of section secretary.
57. The section director names the group leaders, team leaders, and AFIRE coordinators.
58. The section director should appoint the lay spiritual guides who will attend the members. For this apostolate, which is of utmost transcendence, he should choose members who have a deep spiritual life, who are prudent, virtuous, who know their faith and the human heart, and who are fully integrated with the Movement and being formed in the Spiritual Director Certification program.²⁰
59. The section director's assistant has delegated authority to assign personnel to the apostolates of the section. He should keep the director informed about what he does in this field.

Admission to the Movement

60. The section director is responsible for admitting people to the first degree of the Regnum Christi Movement. The territorial director is responsible for admitting people into the second degree, based on the proposal and recommendation from the section director.

²⁰ Cf. *Statutes and Rules of the Regnum Christi Movement*, n.1013 §2.

Specific guidelines for directors of young men’s and young women’s sections

Being a director of a young men’s or young women’s section entails some greater challenges because of the decisive life-stage that the members are passing through. The following text offers some guidelines to help the section director fulfill his mission.

1. Directing the section

In addition to the aforementioned meetings, these section directors will have an additional meeting:

ECYD Assistant (individual)	Bi-weekly	Analyze the progress of ECYD, ensure the perseverance of the 3 rd and 4 th stages and their incorporation into RC, resolve matters of human resources necessary for the sections to function well. (SRC 876 §6) Recommended maximum duration: 30 min.
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2. Personal attention to the members

Guiding souls to their vocational fulfillment:

1. In youth sections, encourage members to become co-workers.
2. If he also has co-workers among the members of his auxiliary team, the section director should attend them with special care, not only in spiritual direction but also by caring for their needs and apostolic training. He should help them to base their lives on prayer and personal contact with Christ and to live with an active and intense apostolic zeal. He should also make sure they have plenty of work and should make sure they grow in intimacy with Christ. He should also keep in touch with the section’s co-workers who are giving years in other places.
3. In his role as a vocational promoter, he should actively and zealously seek and foster priestly vocations, both for the Legion and for the diocesan clergy, as well as vocations to consecrated life. Through spiritual direction and apostolic work, the director should help those young people who might have the call from God, and foster it in them so that their participation in Regnum Christi will be a natural preparation for consecrated life. Likewise, he should invite young people with vocational restlessness to participate in get-togethers, especially in the formation centers, that can help them discern God’s will for their lives. In some cases, it will be best to entrust these young people to the spiritual guidance of a Legionary or consecrated member who is especially gifted at vocational discernment.
4. He should make sure to carry out his vocational work in a responsible way. To this end, he can use the guidelines proposed in the *Guide for Personal Attention*. Aware of the transcendence of this work, he should bring these souls along in a methodical way and accompany them on their path of self-giving with his prayer and sacrifice.
5. The directors of youth sections, in communication with the directors of adult sections, should ensure that the members’ passage to the adult section is prepared,

programmed, and lived with great joy. He should make sure that those who are entering the adult sections, especially the formators, continue carrying out their apostolate among the youth, according to their possibilities. The director of the youth section should not lose contact with them, since they can become spiritual guides and can train other formators.

6. He should always bear in mind the need to form young people who can take on – on the short or medium term – responsibilities in the Movement, or who could work professionally in it.

3. Growth

The section director should keep in close contact with the directors of our schools and universities to coordinate his apostolic work with them and with the Regnum Christi members or Legionaries who are present in those institutions. He should also be close, either directly or through his team, to the directors of other educational institutions, parishes, youth groups, etc. so that he can offer them the Movement's collaboration to resolve their needs for formation or apostolate according to our possibilities and our charism.

4. ECYD

1. The section director should work with the ECYD assistant, decisively supporting him in all his apostolic work.
2. The section director should give special attention to fourth stage members to encourage them in their perseverance and help them take the step to the Movement.

Appendix 1: Documents that a section director should know²¹

- Regnum Christi Member Manual
- Regnum Christi Statutes
- ECYD Statutes
- Basic Regnum Christi Formation Program
- Program for the Formation of Regnum Christi Formators
- A Regnum Christi section (cfr. Prot. S.G. 2782-2007/7)
- Guidelines on the Formation of Formators
- Section Director's Guidelines
- Guidelines for the Section Director's Assistant
- Guidelines for the Coordination Teams of the Section
- Guidelines for Group Leaders
- Guidelines for Team Leaders

N.B. In addition to these documents, the section director should constantly enrich himself with solid readings on spiritual direction, spiritual theology, and other areas that are important for his mission. He can always ask the territorial prefect of studies for an updated list of recommended books.

²¹ For Legionaries and consecrated members, it is also essential to know what is established in the *Constitutions, Statutes and Rules*, and in the General Chapter Communiqués.

Appendix 2: Phases of Development of Regnum Christi Sections

	1 The first team	2 Apostolates & structure	3 Full section	4 Several sections
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 team of apostolate. Identify 3 or 4 future formators 3-15 people participating in Mission Network programs. 1 team leader. 3-15 Regnum Christi members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 30 and 75 Regnum Christi members. A (few) lay person(s) as section director or section assistant(s). 25% formators, at least 5 team leaders. AFIRE team in accordance with the reality of the locality. 3 or teams of apostolate. At least one well-established apostolate. 1-3 spiritual guides. 70% attendance in three-day retreats. 60% attendance to conventions. Begin a network of promoters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 200 and 1000 members. At least 2 section assistants and sufficient group leaders. Local director of Mission Network. Several centers of the section. 25% formators. 2000 participants in programs. At least 5 well-established apostolates. Sufficient spiritual guides. Solid network of promoters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 1000 members. Multiple directors, assistants, coordination teams, spiritual guides, according to local reality. 25% formators. 5000 participants in programs. Each member is a promoter: network of promoters.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start a program and form a team of apostolate. Invite others to take part. Prepare or have access to 2 sources. Participate in national or regional RC events, so more people can be acquainted with Regnum Christi. Contact an already developed section section to receive help with formators, preaching, conventions, training, retreats... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw-up a growth plan for the city. Begin or strengthen the life of the section according to the Regnum Christi Handbook (Encounters with Christ, monthly retreats...) Implement at least three programs, giving priority to ECYD clubs. Establish a Mission Center. Invite the people who may begin other sections to join Regnum Christi. Continue receiving support from a full section for formators, preaching, conventions, training, retreats... Cooperate actively with two parishes or other diocesan institutions. Seek out vocations to 2nd degree. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start new teams in other zones and cities. Members take part in national and international conventions. Well-formed Regnum Christi members available and ready to help with diocesan or parochial structures. Foster generosity and promotion of vocations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The section has the spiritual momentum and apostolic drive to multiply itself. If need be, various section directors or various assistants could be named, with new centers, dozens of ECYD clubs, foundations in other cities, and the implementation of various programs.
Desired fruits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The beginning of Regnum Christi. The first attractive apostolate. Open doors to new sources. Personalized attention to formators or future formators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perseverance of Regnum Christi members. Future formators being prepared. Spirit of generosity: 1 vocation each year, at least 2 coworkers each year, (youth sections) financial contributions, active participation in apostolate. Spirit of growth: new programs, new participants, new members. Beginning of ECYD: apostolic priority. At least 5 sources. Active participation in parish life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit of generosity: 5 vocations each year, about 10 coworkers each year (youth sections), financial contributions, 2nd degree members. Spirit of growth: 5 programs, support for ECYD, foundations in new zones or cities. Active participation in parish life. At least 7 sources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit of generosity: around 10 vocations each year, at least 25 coworkers, 2nd degree members, members guiding other sections in foundation. Spirit of growth: 10 programs. 90% perseverance and zeal for growth.