



Guide to the Session

Objective

- To teach the models about personal dignity, which shines forth in their poised elegance, their social manners, and the way they treat others;
- To teach them specific norms of etiquette, why etiquette is important, and the value of cultivating social manners; and
- To help all to enjoy a lovely afternoon!

Atmosphere

“Elegance...”

Elegance is in the air! Sophistication is the criterion for entry. Models and mothers are gliding gracefully. Light violin music welcomes them to the classy hotel setting. White-glove service sets a regal stage for the models to discover truly elegant beauty. Beautifully written place cards indicate where each person is to sit; the Pure Fashion commitment card adorns the table at each model’s place. Conversation should be formal, yet natural, and the event should be imbued with light and enjoyable conversation.

Explanation of Each Element

Pure Fashion Keepsake:

Pure Fashion Commitment Card. This reminds her of her personal commitment to grow in her relationship with Christ.

Venue

1st Preference--A ballroom in the most elegant hotel in the city, such as The Ritz-Carlton

2nd Preference--A ballroom or meeting room at the next most elegant hotel

3rd Preference--The very elegant dining hall at a university

4th Preference--A country club dining room or neighborhood club house

Order of Events

1. Greeting the Hostess (Registration)
2. The Hostess Welcomes the Guests
3. Fashioning Virtue Session
4. Social Manners Talk
5. Tea Time
6. Conclusion



Explanation of Each Element

1. Greeting the Hostess (30-40 minutes)

- **Objective**--Welcome and register the models and their mothers; supermodels help escort them to their places.
- **Atmosphere**--The models and their mothers enjoy charming hostessing at its height! The *Pure Fashion* staff welcomes them with the warmth of a hostess opening her home to cherished guests. Elegance accompanies true hospitality, making each person feel like the queen of the tea. The tinkling of china and crystal mingles with the chitchat of friendly conversations. Adult women and models glide from group to group and make themselves at home.
- **Development**--Provide tea seating arrangement with name cards at every place setting. Provide the *Pure Fashion Keepsake* for this session, the *Pure Fashion* commitment card, at each model's place setting. Supermodels help escort the models and mothers to their places.

2. The Hostess Welcomes the Guests (5 minutes)

- **Objective**--Explain briefly the format for the afternoon. Introduce the first speaker.
- **Atmosphere**--The manner of the hostess should be brisk, friendly, and welcoming
- **Development**--Welcome everyone to the Mother Daughter Tea. This is a celebration of beauty and grace at the service of society. While interior beauty is that which carries the most importance, grace and elegance constitute its exterior finishing touches.

Explanation of Each Element

Depending upon your arrangements and venue, portions of the tea service could begin at this point in the program. If the tea is to be served in different courses, it could be interspersed between speakers.. If possible, try to arrange two or three different speakers, such as a professional in the area of manners and social graces, a mother-daughter combination who can give a personal reflection, as well as a consecrated woman who can speak to these topics.

3. Fashioning Virtue Session (10 minutes)

- **Objective**—The remarks emphasize the importance of being Models of the Great Designer--developing into role models while preparing to be models of fashion. The talk states that each individual possesses authentic beauty and therefore is worthy of respect and explains how to identify true beauty in everyone.



- **Atmosphere**—The remarks should be engaging, positive, and clear in content. The ambiance should be formal, with the mothers and daughter seated at their tables,
- **Development**—The speaker should include the following points:
 - The girls are going to become Models of the Great Designer. Real models are role models for others. They will need to be young women who make upright decisions, thus offering an attractive testimony for others.
 - True beauty radiates from within. A young woman is more beautiful when she remains true to her values. She is a real model.
 - Everyone has been created in God's own image and therefore is replete with dignity and true beauty. The way in which we treat ourselves and every other person should reflect this profound reality.
 - Present the *Pure Fashion Keepsake*: 1) *Pure Fashion commitment card*: This is her reminder of her personal commitment to grow in her relationship with Christ

(See Appendix #1 for further development)

4. Social Manners Talk (45 minutes)

- **Objective**—The purpose of this session is to explain the most common norms of social etiquette and to enjoy practicing some of them together.
- **Atmosphere**—The speaker delivers her remarks in a manner that is fun, humorous, and light, yet clear and specific. She involves the audience as she instructs the models and their mothers



on how to be more comfortably graceful.

- **Development**--The speaker should be a suitable Christian woman, perhaps associated with the local cotillion chapter or debutante society, who is known for teaching about manners and social graces. Professionally and elegantly attired and groomed, she should discuss basic social manners and proper table etiquette, soliciting volunteers to

practice and to demonstrate some of the concepts. The speaker incorporates into her remarks the worthiness of striving to become a Model of the Great Designer. She may wish to cite the dignity and respect with which Blessed Teresa of Calcutta regarded her fellow human beings and mention that the young women will have the opportunity to practice charity as they participate in next month's activity, the Christmas Mission.

(See Appendix II for further Development.)

5. Tea Time (45 minutes)

- **Objective**--At the conclusion of her remarks, the speaker offers a brief prayer, then invites all to enjoy the fine tea and delicious foods.
- **Atmosphere**--Light music once again permeates the elegant atmosphere. Charming young women and gracious adult coordinators (or wait staff) serve the refreshments with appropriate decorum.
- **Development**--The young women and their mothers enjoy the sandwiches and other foods, drinking tea, and getting to know one another better. *Pure Fashion* staff mingle, perhaps deciding in advance which tables they will visit to ensure that at least one of the coordinators greets each mother-daughter group.



6. Conclusion (5 minutes)

The chairwoman formally thanks everyone for attending and acknowledges the hostess, the Fashioning Virtue presenter(s), the guest speaker(s), any consecrated women in attendance, the venue personnel, those who prepared and/or provided the refreshments, and anyone else who helped to make the event a success. She promotes the next event, and the supermodels distribute the flyer invitations as everyone leaves.



Appendix I: Fashioning Virtue

Remember

- Teenagers are experiencing many physical and emotional changes, and they do not always know how to manage their bodies gracefully. They feel out of proportion and ungainly. To accentuate the problem, they also feel that everyone is watching them and judging everything about them.
- Their magazines, movies, and models preach that rebellion and arrogance are signs of independence and that social etiquette is passé and restrictive. The top designers for celebrities, dictate what is “cool.”
- They think, “I’ll do what I feel like doing; what I don’t feel like doing, I won’t do.” The culture tells them, “If you don’t feel like being friendly or gracious, then don’t. It’s *their* problem if they take offense.”
- They have limited capacity for self-control (in relations, duties, graciousness) because the culture only encourages them to indulge their selfish desires.

Core Principles



Models of the Great Designer

Every model is created personally and individually by the “Great Designer”—God the Father—in the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. Responding appropriately to this profound dignity includes dressing to glorify God. Dressing attractively, tastefully, and modestly, coupled with happiness radiating from within constitutes a very powerful

testimony as to the desirability of living in friendship with Christ.

Grace

Grace is inner dignity and beauty reflected through poise and elegance in actions, attitudes, and movements. Gracious individuals possess self-control, dignity, and serenity in facing even the most trying of circumstances.

Appendix I: Fashioning Virtue

The Session

1. How can I be a real model and Model of the Great Designer?

(Suggested Gospel Passages: Mt 5:13-16; Mt 23:1-4, 25-28)



What did Miss America look like in middle school? Have you ever seen any old photos of some of today's most famous celebrities? We all have seen pictures of famous stars, performers, and others when they were young, and our reaction is always the same--no way! And deep down we think to ourselves that it is possible to form that grace--look how far *she* came! Women are not born behaving like princesses. It takes work and practice, but first of all the deep desire to be graceful.

Maybe you want to be discovered as a supermodel and have your face on the cover of international magazines, or sign a lucrative contract with a famous designer and represent a clothing line. Well, we have news for you! You've already won the model search! God has chosen YOU to represent HIM to the world. Each of you are called to imitate and "model" what Christ showed by his example! All of us are called to be Models of the Great Designer.

- A Designer already *has* spotted you. He sees your beauty (inside and outside). He created you with a height, body type, heart, mind, and spirit that are unique. You have been chosen to be *Pure Fashion* models, but who is the Great Designer behind it all? Who is the one behind the project? The Great Designer has been planning for you to meet the world and to be His model for true beauty.
- He knows you are the best model for His designs because He makes personal specifications *per model*. Each of you is a designer original with your own style, brand, and line. He chose you to be His model of true beauty in action, of true love in action. He spotted you and has taken you on as the face for His designs.
- A model lives up to the beauty of the apparel created for her. Let's say that Penelope Cruz has a Versace dress designed for her appearance at the Oscars. She most certainly will not emerge from the limousine with wet dripping hair, no make-up, and wearing old sneakers! Neither Penelope's beauty and monetary investment nor Versace's talents and efforts will achieve their potential impact. She wants to live up to the beautiful dress--the lines, the colors, the fabric. She works diligently on her fitness, diet, hair, makeup, skin, and nails so that when she wears the dress the Versace design has its full effect.

Celebrities seek out the designer who understands them and is most helpful in bringing out their unique beauty. Now here's something that you may not have known or thought of in this way before now. You have a personal designer, the Great Designer. Live up to the beauty for which the Great