

Is Cursillo For You?

- ❖ Do you feel called to a deeper commitment to your faith?
- ❖ Do you want to more fully understand the mission you are called to through your baptism?
- ❖ Are you looking for a way to sustain your Christian journey?
- ❖ Are you a Catholic in good standing with the Church (able to participate in the sacraments)?

Discover The Cursillo Movement...

In today's world **can Christianity penetrate and thrive** in the many areas of secular life? **Can it transform the world** in a way that is more fruitful than the past and in keeping with the times?

The Cursillo Movement believes that this is possible. It proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a **method** through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived and shared in any area of human life where there are Christians willing to dedicate their lives to God's mission.

History

Cursillo began in the 1940's, when a group of men dedicated themselves to bringing the young men of Mallorca, Spain, to know Christ better.

The Spanish word Cursillo (KER-SEE-O) meaning a short course, is often associated with the 3-Day weekend, which is only one aspect of the Cursillo Movement. They also developed a follow-up program so the initial enthusiasm would continue.

Cursillo supports us in living the fundamental teachings of Jesus in a Christian community.

A Work of the Church

The Cursillo Movement is a movement of the Church. It has the same apostolic purpose as the Church herself. And as Pope Paul VI told us, "the Church exists to evangelize."

Cursillo is approved by the Pope as well as local bishops. Cursillo is a worldwide movement and a member of the International Catholic Organizations of the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome.

The 3-Day Weekend

Several men or women meet from Thursday evening until Sunday evening with a team consisting of a priest, deacon or sister and laypeople. The weekends are not co-ed.

During these three days, those attending listen to a series of talks given by priests, deacon or sister, and laity. The talks present a method for living out our Catholic faith in a deeper way. The three days are interspersed with music, laughter, prayer, discussion, reflection and silence. Mass is celebrated each day (except Thursday) and morning and evening prayers provide meditation opportunities.

There is nothing dull about a Cursillo weekend. It is a joyous workshop in the fundamentals of our beautiful Catholic faith where everyone learns by being part of a living community.

After The Weekend

The "follow-up" activity of the Cursillo is known as the "**Fourth Day**", that is, the remainder of the Cursillista's life on earth.

During this time **perseverance** is important just as it is in any renewal method. In the Cursillo Movement, the community spirit is continued beyond the three days through small **Group Reunions** and **Ultreyas**.

What are Group Reunion & Ultreya?

These are a **means to encourage growth** in spirituality and in understanding of God's message thereby accomplishing **His earthly mission**.

Apostolic enthusiasm is renewed over and over because people are linked together in friendship founded on Christ. This grouping technique gives application and method to what has been presented on the weekend. It converts the three days of living Christianity from a weekend experience into a lifetime experience.

Group Reunion

A Group Reunion is a weekly gathering of from three to six friends who share their enthusiastic faith in Jesus Christ. Each person shares his/her life experiences in the areas of piety, study and action. By spending 60 minutes together each week, these friends lend support to one another so as to renew and sustain their apostolic commitment and enthusiasm.

Ultreya

This is the gathering of all the groups in one area (usually monthly). This gathering builds a broader-based Christian community and helps the group reunions retain their outward focus. The participants share their lives in Christ and are inspired by the lives of others.

Finally

Cursillo is an encounter with Christ.

Correctly applied and overseen the Cursillo Movement can have very positive results in the spiritual revitalization of the world. The Christ-likeness in a few good people is contagious. The transference of Christ's values to others in one's family, school, place of business, etc. is the Christianizing of environments the Cursillo promotes.

**For more information visit our
website:**

<http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/cursillo>

or the National Cursillo website:

www.natl-cursillo.org.

We also encourage you to call and visit
with someone living the Cursillo
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