



What happens after the Cursillo weekend?

The ultimate goal for the Cursillo is for Christians to become living proof of God's love and able to make a difference in the world. It is evident that this cannot happen in 3 days. The Cursillo weekend represents the first, essential step along the way. The Cursillo Movement recognises that the revelations and the enthusiasm need to be nurtured and deepened so that the individual and the community gain maximum benefit. It is for these reasons that the Cursillo Movement proposes two types of regular meetings: weekly Group Reunions and a monthly Ultreya (ull TRIE ya—a Spanish word meaning "forward" and encouragement).

How do we continue to grow in the community after we leave the glow of the Cursillo for the real world? Through weekly Group Reunion. This is where we stay in touch with the lived reality of daily life. Jesus said, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I call you friends, for everything that I have learned from my Father, I have made known to you". (John 15:15) Friends love each other, and listen to each other. We help each other and hold each other accountable in growing in our faith through:

- Piety - what we do to grow in holiness
- Study - learning, the bridge between holiness and helping our neighbour, and
- Action - bringing our Christian values to bear in all our environments

Using these three topics, we break open our lives at Group Reunion, so we can grow from our shared experiences, our successes and failures. Group Reunion provides the environment that helps one to grow in Christ's love.

Cost of weekend

Speak to your Sponsor about this.
There are costs involved, however we don't wish for these to be obstacles for you experiencing your Cursillo.
The Weekend costs R800 per person, including accommodation and meals .

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Who can attend a Cursillo weekend?

The Cursillo is for all confirmed Catholics. Those who want to look seriously at themselves and their lives, their relationship with other people and their relationship with God. It is open to persons from any walk of life, man or woman, married or single. The Cursillo was conceived especially for laity, but priests and others in holy orders are most welcome. For those who are married, it is preferable (but not necessary) that the husband and wife both be willing to participate because it is an experience that is worthwhile sharing between partners. It is important to emphasize that the Cursillo is not only for churchgoers. If someone has fallen away from the Church, they are encouraged to come on Cursillo. Any Catholic person willing and able to accept the Gospel message and to serve the community, may live the Cursillo experience.

How do I get involved and attend?

Should you feel moved to participate in a Cursillo you are most welcome to apply. You will need a Spiritual Sponsor, either a friend who has invited you or someone recommended by the Spiritual Director. The Spiritual sponsor is either a Catholic who has already attended a Cursillo or a Non-Catholic who has attended the "Walk to Emmaus". The Spiritual sponsor's job is pray for you before, during and after the weekend, and to assist you with finding a Group Reunion. If you have not already been contacted by a member of the Cursillo community, and would like to join the Movement, or you would simply like more information, you are most welcome to contact us:

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Please send this form to the Registrar

NAME _____

GENDER _____

AGE _____

MARITAL STATUS _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

NAME/S AND AGE OF CHILDREN _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS _____

EMAIL _____

CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE NUMBER, WHILE YOU ARE ON YOUR CURSILLO WEEKEND _____

SPECIAL NEEDS? DIETARY OR OTHER _____

HOME PARISH _____

SPONSOR' S NAME _____

SPONSOR' S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER _____

CURSILLO NUMBER AND DATE _____

Cursillo



What is Cursillo (cur SEE yo)

Cursillo (a short course) in Christianity, is a ministry that began in the Roman Catholic Church and has since spread to other Christian denominations, some of which have retained the name “Cursillo” while others have given the program a different name, such as “The Walk to Emmaus” in the Methodist Church.

History

This Movement originated in Spain in the 1940's. It began when a group of men dedicated themselves to bringing the young men of their city of Mallorca, Spain to know Christ better. It developed as they prayed and worked together and as they talked together, sharing their thoughts about the state of the world and the effectiveness of their efforts to bring the light of Christ to it. Cursillo has spread to all Continents and many countries.

Cursillo functions within the Catholic Church

The Cursillo is a movement fully within the Church.

The Cursillo movement has as it's goal, to share with the community, the essence of Christianity and Christian values and in this way, gradually transform the community from within. This is the natural extension of the life-changing experience of the Cursillo weekend.

The Cursillo Movement invites Christians to build a world, founded on the rock of love and friendship.

The Cursillo is focussed on Jesus Christ, as Saviour and Lord. St Paul is its Patron Saint. The mission of Cursillo is the Church's mission, fully Catholic, and obedient to the Magisterium. Cursillo has as its Spiritual Directors, the Bishop of the Diocese, and is obedient to his leadership. Popes Paul VI (1966) John Paul II (1980) and Pope Francis (2015) mentioned Cursillo as one of the great gifts to the Church.

The Cursillo Weekend

It is not easy to describe the experience, since the printed word is inadequate! The weekend is an intimate encounter with Jesus Christ.

The Cursillo must be lived to be appreciated. There is more, so much more.

The Cursillo lasts three days, and is usually held over a weekend. We begin on a Thursday late afternoon, and finish on a Sunday late afternoon.

During these three days, a short course is given on the fundamental aspects of Christianity and the Christian way of life.

Cursillo is not of an academic nature and the weekend includes:

- 15 talks, some given by priests and some by lay-people.
- Small group discussions
- Summaries
- Fellowship
- Mass
- Reconciliation
- Rosary
- Meditation
- Songs
- Laughter
- Free time
- Community Meals
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Warm fraternal atmosphere

A Spiritual Director, a Priest, will be part of the team and present throughout the weekend.

This is a safe yet challenging weekend. It will be mentally, and emotionally strenuous, however you will be renewed and refreshed like never before!

“ The Cursillo is a unique opportunity in which to deepen your awareness of Christ's love and our sharing in His saving mission through prayer, study and witness—all rooted in a true spirit of community. The Cursillo will change your life immensely! I know from personal experience!” - The Most Reverend Paul Loverde, Bishop of Arlington, Virginia.

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Application Forms and
50% of fee deposits:
6 WEEKS BEFORE WEEKEND
balance of fees due one month before
WEEKEND

BANKING DETAILS

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