

History and Purpose of Cursillo

The full name for Cursillo is Cursillo de Cristiandad.

The word “cursillo” means “little lesson”. The full name of the Movement, Cursillo de Cristiandad, translates into English as “little lesson in Christian living”.

Cursillo, which started in Majorca, Spain in the 1940’s, is a movement of the laity within the Catholic Church.

The founders were dedicated to helping Catholics to know Christ better. Their intention, then and now, is to give the laity a renewed spirituality and a clearer understanding of how Christ can work through them.

The Cursillo Movement came to the United States in 1957. That first weekend was held in Texas and was conducted entirely in Spanish. Cursillo came to South Dakota in 1974. The Cursillo Movement and its Method have been endorsed by the Catholic Church and the dioceses of Sioux Falls and Rapid City.

We are Challenged...

Cursillo is an encounter with Christ. Cursillo promotes a spiritual revitalization of our world. Cursillo develops in adult Christians a consciousness of their power and mission to become leaders in the work of Christian renewal, while sustaining them through Christian community. The transference of Christ’s values to others in our family, school, workplace, etc. is the Christianization that Cursillo promotes.



Due to the intensity of the Weekend, persons recently divorced, grieving the loss of a loved one, or hurting for whatever reason, are advised to wait for a less stressful time before applying.

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The Cursillo An Encounter with Christ



Cursillo

(pronounced “kur-see-yo”)

As your faith gets challenged in our pluralistic world, ask yourself....

- Do you want to live your faith in your daily life?
- Do you desire a Christian community with which to share your faith journey?
- Do you wish to enrich your relationship with God?
- Do you want to be more confident in sharing your faith with our secular world?

If the answer is “yes” to these questions, Cursillo will help you develop, live, and share your spirituality in today’s society.

In our struggle to live in the secular world, we are challenged to be Christian, not just on Sundays, but in all that we are and all that we do. The Cursillo Movement provides the support and growth we need to enrich our relationship with God.

Cursillo is based on a method...

Cursillo enables you to:

- Expand your prayer life
- Have an ongoing study program
- Share your faith

It provides a two part method to help sustain and nurture you:

Group Reunions: informal gatherings of three to five people who meet regularly to share their faith and to support each other in their spiritual life.

Ultreyas: monthly gatherings of Group Reunions. They share experiences, pray together, and socialize.

Cursillistas share their spirituality and gain insight and ideas that can enhance their Christian life.

**It all begins by saying
“Yes” to Christ!**

A three day weekend helps you experience your Catholic faith and encourages a spiritual life that is filled with joy, laughter, and enthusiasm. You may receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and be invited to seek an enriched relationship with God within the framework of a Christian Community.

From Thursday evening through Sunday evening a team of Catholic lay people and spiritual advisors will talk and lead discussions emphasizing:

- The meaning of grace and the sacraments
- The need for prayer
- Ways of living our lives in union with God

To attend a Cursillo weekend: you must have a sponsor who is an active Cursillista. Your sponsor is responsible for preparing you for the weekend, establishing you in a group reunion where you live or work, and introducing you to the Ultreya in your area.

Since the Sacraments are an important part of the Catholic Cursillo, members of other faiths are encouraged to attend a Cursillo of their own denomination; but in the case of an interfaith marriage exceptions may be made.

Although separate weekends are held for men and women, both you and your spouse should be willing to participate.