

Cursillo History and Purpose

Cursillo, which started in Majorca, Spain, in the 1940's, is a movement of the laity within the Catholic Church. The word "Cursillo" means "little lesson." The full name for Cursillo is Cursillo de Christianidad which translates into English as "little lesson in Christian living."

The founders were dedicated to helping Catholics 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 with a Cursillo in Waco, Texas, conducted in Spanish. Cursillo came to the Twin Cities in 1968 and over 8,000 Catholics in the metropolitan area have participated.

The Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis have endorsed the Cursillo Movement and its Method.

Need More Information?

If you would like more information or want to fill out an application, please see the Twin Cities Catholic Cursillo website:

<http://www.tc-cursillo.org>

Or if you have further questions please send an email to:

pre-cursillo@tc-cursillo.org

The Cursillo

*Bringing Christ to Our World
One Friend at a Time*



*Providing a method to find, form, and
sustain a closer, lifelong relationship with
Christ and His people*



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Cursillo

(Pronounced "cur-see-yo")

- ✚ Do you wish to have a closer relationship with God?
- ✚ Do you seek the sense of joy, peace, and hope that you see in some Christians?
- ✚ Do you want to live your faith in your daily life?
- ✚ Do you desire to meet others with whom you can share your faith journey?
- ✚ Do you want to share the Good News of God's love with others around you?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you are invited to seek a deeper relationship with God within the framework of a supportive Catholic Christian Community.

Cursillo is for adults of all ages and phases of their faith journey. Participants will experience the fullness of Christian faith offered by the Catholic Church.

The Cursillo Movement provides a method and the support you need to grow in your faith, enrich your relationship with God, and live the life God intended for you.

Begins with a weekend

A three-day weekend will help you more richly experience your faith and encourage a spiritual life that is filled with joy, hope, and enthusiasm.

Weekends are held at different parishes throughout the archdiocese. From Thursday evening through Sunday evening, a team of Catholic lay people and spiritual advisors will talk and lead discussions emphasizing:

- ✚ The need for a prayerful relationship with God
- ✚ The meaning of grace and the sacraments
- ✚ Ways of living in a more intimate union with God and His people

The weekend also includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist which are an integral part of the Cursillo.

Builds on a firm foundation

- ✚ Focused prayer life
- ✚ Increased knowledge of God
- ✚ Faith shared in friendship

Sustains you on the journey

Group Reunions: informal gatherings of three to six people who meet weekly to share their faith and support each other in their spiritual journeys.

Ultreya: a gathering of Group Reunions who share life, pray together, socialize and experience a sense of deep friendship and belonging with others seeking Christ.

Helps you each day

Cursillo develops an awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit at work in each of us. By living Christ's values within your family, workplace, school, and community, Cursillo promotes a spiritual revitalization of our world. As part of a Christian Community, we have a profound sense of belonging to the joyful and hopeful family of God.

To participate

To attend a Cursillo Weekend, you will need a sponsor, perhaps the person who gave you this brochure or a friend who is active in Cursillo. A sponsor will prepare you for the weekend, establish you in a Group Reunion where you live or work, and introduce you to an Ultreya in your area and to Twin Cities Cursillo activities. If you need help finding a sponsor, please contact Twin Cities Catholic Cursillo at:

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