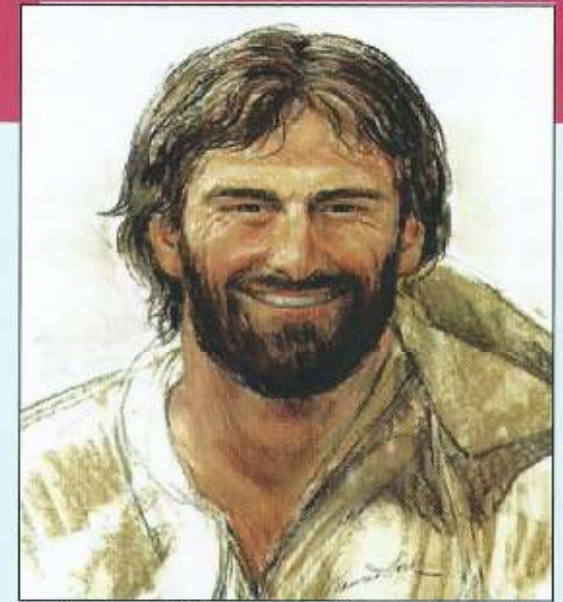


What is Cursillo?

Cursillo (pronounced cur-see-yo) is defined as a "short course" in Christian living. This word is Spanish in origin because the movement began in Spain in the 1940's. Cursillo was brought to the United States in 1957.

Often called a "retreat," a Cursillo differs from the typical retreat in some ways. There is some quiet time and time for individual prayer. In addition, there is more opportunity for discussion and reflection with your peers than traditional retreats. There are both Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends.

By participating in a Cursillo Weekend, you will join a joyful and faith-filled Catholic community. If you are ready to take the next step in your faith journey and you would like to learn more about Cursillo, please visit our website at mycursillo.com for more information.



Cursillo An Encounter with Christ

Cursillo is a "short course" in Christianity designed to help you

- Gain a deeper understanding of Christian Truths
- Know that you are part of a greater and joyful community of believers with whom you can grow in faith, hope and love
- Guide you toward taking your place in the Church's Mission of making Christ present to the world

The Cursillo Experience

Cursillo is an experience that can give you a renewed understanding of our faith. The goal of the Cursillo movement is to make faith alive for those who participate in this course.

Cursillo is an international movement. Literally hundreds of thousands of Catholics have "made" a Cursillo and found it to be a life-enriching event.

Similar to Marriage Encounter, Cornerstone, and other renewal programs, Cursillo is an official part of the Catholic Church. People from all walks of life spend three days together living and praying in community. The program consists of informative talks presented by lay persons and clergy, open discussions and small group sharing, daily Mass, morning and evening prayer, and the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

What is the purpose of Cursillo?

The purpose of Cursillo is to help those who make a Weekend grow in a deeper understanding of basic Christian Truths. This deeper understanding can then lead them to take their place as Leaders in the Church's Mission of making Christ present to the world.

In 2009, Pope John Paul II said the following:

The Cursillo method aims at helping to transform, in a Christian way, the environments where people live and work through the involvement of "new men and women" who have become such from their encounter with Christ.

This is a goal of the three day "little course" on Christianity; in which a team of priests and lay people, supported by the prayer and sacrifices of the movement's other members, communicate the fundamental truths of the Christian faith in an especially "living way."

How is the purpose of a Cursillo fulfilled?



The purpose of Cursillo is fulfilled by individuals participating in the three day course in the fundamentals of Spiritual Life.



It is then furthered by a voluntary follow-up program to sustain a person in his or her desire to live more fully as a Christian.

