

WHAT IS CURSILLO?

Cursillo (pronounced cur-see-yo) is defined as "little course" in Christian living. This word is Spanish in origin and made its appearance in the United States in 1957.

The Cursillo, or "short course in Christianity", is a three day course that begins on a Thursday evening and ends on a Sunday afternoon. It is conducted by ten lay persons and two priests.

Although often described as a retreat, it differs from the typical silent retreat. While there is some quiet time and considerable time for prayer, there is much more discussion with your peers than with traditional retreats.

By attending a Cursillo, you will begin to open yourself up to a more fulfilling life. It is not to "make your faith perfect", it is to discover your strengths, work on areas you need

to grow, and to look at the direction your life is taking. Through Cursillo you will obtain a deeper understanding of basic Christian truths.



To learn more about this wonderful experience, please call:



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CURSILLO



*Gain a Sense of
Belonging*

**A 3-Day Course in
Christianity**

CURSILLO FOR YOUR LIFE!

THE CURSILLO EXPERIENCE...

Cursillo is an experience that can give you a renewed understanding of our faith. It's goal is to make faith alive for those who participate in this course. If you are hungering for such an experience there are Cursillo's available for both men and women.

Cursillo is an international movement. Literally, hundreds of thousands of Catholics have "made" a Cursillo and found it to be one of the life changing events of their adult Christian life. Not only do people come away from the experience knowing more about faith, they come away with a sense that they belong to a greater community of believers with whom they can share and grow in faith, hope and love.



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A CURSILLO?

Cursillo has one purpose, to give those who make it a deeper understanding of basic Christian truths so they can take their place in the Church's mission of making Christ present to the world.

HOW DOES CURSILLO FILL THIS PURPOSE?

In two ways:

1. Through the three day course in the fundamentals of spiritual life.
2. Through a voluntary follow-up program to sustain a person in his or her desire to live more fully as a Christian.

IS THE CURSILLO PART OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Yes. Similar to marriage encounters, Cornerstone and other renewal programs, Cursillo is an official part of the Catholic church, and is enthusiastically endorsed by Bishops at the diocesan levels and by the Vatican worldwide.

ATTENDING A CURSILLO

HOW LONG IS A CURSILLO?

People from all walks of life, spend three days together beginning on Thursday nights and ending Sunday afternoon.

WHAT DO WE DO ON THE CURSILLO?

The program consists of spiritual exercises, talks and open discussions. The spiritual exercises include daily mass, prayer and the availability of Sacramental Reconciliation. Informative talks and sharing is given by lay persons and priests.

WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS?

If you are ready to benefit from this wonderful experience, or, would simply like to learn more, just refer to the contact information on the back of this brochure.

