

Christianizing Our World

Through the Cursillo method, we are taught how to improve our prayer life and holiness, and through study, to be anchored in our Catholic Faith and the Church's teachings. We learn how to share our faith with family, friends, co-workers, social gatherings, etc...right where we live. This is true Catholic evangelization.

The goal of the Cursillo Movement is to make us conscious of our leadership potential, to enable us to become prime influences in the transference of Christ's values in all walks of our life. Simply living out what is fundamental to being a Christian in our daily lives—this is the essence of Christianizing our world, right where we are.

This is a far different approach from the door-to-door evangelizing with which many of us are familiar. And, it is much more effective!

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**An Encounter —
Come and See for Yourself**



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Cursillo...What is it?

The word “Cursillo” translates to “short course” in Spanish. The full title is *Cursillo de Cristiandad* — a “short course in Christianity”. It begins with an adult catechesis 3-Day Weekend of formation and friendship to encourage a joyful spiritual life designed to last a lifetime.

The Cursillo Movement began in Spain in the mid-1940's to serve the Church in the apostolate, came to the United States in 1957, and was brought to the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese in 1962 by Fr. Fidelis Albrecht, OFM. The Cursillo Movement has spread worldwide in several different languages. It greatly helps us fulfill our Baptismal responsibilities to evangelize right where we live.

The Cursillo weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. During these three days there is a silent retreat experience, liturgy celebrations, and those attending joyfully live and work together, listening to and discussing talks given by both clergy and laity.

It is a spiritual encounter with Ourselves, Christ, and Others. When we understand these three encounters, we know that all things are possible and a life lived with God will be filled with joy and beauty.

The Fourth Day

The Cursillo is different from any other retreat. It is an unique spiritual encounter that one must experience for themselves to truly understand. When the three days are over, you're really just starting your Cursillo! You will find a world filled with supportive new friends to help you apply all that you've learned during the weekend...plus much more.

The voluntary post-activity of the Cursillo Movement is known as the “Fourth Day” or the rest of our lives. To assist and ensure perseverance in our spiritual life, divine solutions were built into Cursillo from the very beginning. Regular small “Group Reunions” let us encourage one another in ongoing spiritual encouragement and growth. Periodic “Ultreyas” (larger groupings), keep the zeal of the Cursillo Weekends and Movement alive and guards against isolation.

The Cursillo Weekend and the Fourth Day activities are powerful methods for bringing you closer to God with a revitalized faith for the rest of your life. There's nothing like it...and there's no greater happiness than being close to our loving Lord!



The Church/Popes On Cursillo

Cursillo is not an organization, rather it is a worldwide lay movement of the Catholic Church. It has the same apostolic purpose as the Church herself — Evangelization. The Cursillo Movement is approved by the Pope and local Bishops.

Paul VI:

- “the Church exists to evangelize”
- “Cursillos de Cristiandad! Christ, the Church, the Pope, are counting on you!”

John Paul II:

- be “courageous witnesses of the ‘deaconry of truth’ and to act with the ‘force of communion.’”
- “trust in the primacy of grace to undertake a journey of catechesis and prayer, of conversion and holiness of life,” whose fruits will be “a solid sense of belonging to the Church and a renewed impetus for evangelization in the realms of daily life and activity.”
- “This is your role in the Church, to create a nuclei of believers that convey the message of salvation everywhere with their testimony of life”

Benedict XVI:

- “seek the light and strength of the Holy Spirit in order to respond ever more effectively to the urgent challenge of the new evangelization by offering sound catechesis and continuing formation in the faith”
- “conscious of the immense contribution which the Cursillo Movement has made to the Church’s renewal by its promotion of the universal call to holiness and the prophetic witness incumbent upon all the baptized”

Francis (when Archbishop of Buenos Aires):

- “Today more than ever we need that your nearness in the environments be a source of light and joy for so many brothers and sisters who do not yet know that God is a Father who loves them tenderly.”
- “Today more than ever we need your presence so that many families may encounter the transcendent love of Christ - a new and greater dimension of human love.”

Heeding John Paul II’s urging for all ... to “grow in ecclesia awareness and identity”, the Cursillo Movement petitioned for and received canonical recognition and approval of its statues from the Holy See.