

What is Cursillo?

The word “Cursillo” (kur-see-yo) is Spanish. It means a short course or little study. It refers to a program of spiritual renewal initiated by the Spanish Roman Catholic church in the 1940s.

It is now worldwide in scope and has been adopted by other denominations.

In the Anglican Church of Canada, Cursillo had its beginning in 1982 and is now active in most of our dioceses. Here in the Central Newfoundland Diocese, it was introduced in January 1986 with approval and assistance of Bishop Mark Genge. At present we have a membership of over 600.

Cursillo weekends are conducted in a retreat setting, yet they are not retreats. Cursillo is an experience of Christian Community, but also a time of instruction in the basics of our faith.

It is a weekend of worship, music, instruction, reflection, discussion, prayer and fellowship.

It is an instrument of renewal for persons, parishes and dioceses.

It is a launching pad for Christian action in our world.

It is a support system for Christians on their journey.

It is a program of the Diocese under the auspices of the Bishop.

A Cursillo Weekend is Three Days Long

But It Lasts a Lifetime

It teaches what is fundamental to living a Christian Life. During the three days of Cursillo, candidates listen to 15 talks, five each day, given by lay people and clergy.

The lay people and clergy who comprise the “team” spend weeks preparing for the weekend.

Two Testimonies

“My Cursillo weekend was for me the beginning of a spiritual awakening. Through this experience my relationship with God was renewed and my faith deepened. I became more aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life and from that grew a willingness to be led by the Spirit. I have personally witnessed many lives being transformed by Jesus Christ through the Cursillo Movement. The weekend itself is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith.”

Rev. Daphne Parsons
Parish Priest

“I was a person that only did what I wanted to do. I only believed what I wanted to believe. I only listened to what I wanted to hear. After experiencing my Cursillo weekend, I realized that it was not about me, it was about what God wants. Now, with Jesus as my guide, I seek discernment from God in all I do, for His glory.”

Hedley Johnson
Parish of Trinity, T.B.

Approaching Cursillo

- † Be curious.
- † Be open to what happens in the now.
- † Be honest with yourself as to where you are in your spiritual journey.
- † Know that no specific response is expected of you.
- † Allow others to respond in their way and yourself to respond in your own way.

At Cursillo

- † All teachings are Anglican
- † God’s love is not just spoken, but made real.
- † There is an experience of Christian Community.

Above all and over all is the abiding presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and the constant awareness of the awesome mystery of His endless love for His people.

Yes, I would like to know more about Cursillo:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Parish: _____

I would welcome a visit from someone who has already experienced a Cursillo Weekend.

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PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF

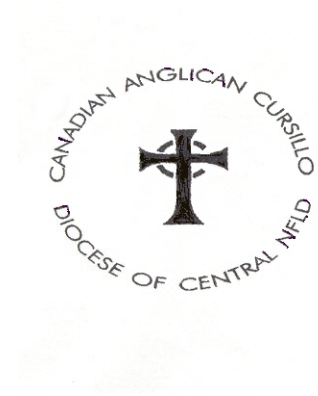
— laity, and clergy, who are curious,
searching, discovering, growing

TEAM —

Laymen and women who spend weeks
together preparing for a weekend and
becoming a community.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS—

Members of the clergy as part of the team



Cursillo

A SHORT COURSE IN CHRISTIAN LIVING