




Cursillo

An encounter with self,
Christ and others

A Life Changing Experience



**Are you seeking Happiness,
Peace, Joy, Friendship, Human
and Spiritual Development and
wish to become the person Jesus
wants you to be, then the **Cursillo
in Christianity Weekend** is for you.**

Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) is the Spanish word meaning “short course”. Thus, **Cursillos in Christianity means A Short Course in Christianity.**



What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is a lay Christian movement in which its members try and live their Christianity in the environments they find themselves, and by their witness influence others and act as Christian leaven in the homes, neighbourhoods, and workplaces. The focus is on the person of Jesus and the movement is Catholic.

Can Cursillo make a difference?

In today's world can Christianity penetrate the many areas of secular life? Can it live there? Can it grow there? Can it transform the world in a way that is more fruitful than the past and in keeping with the times? The Cursillo Movement thinks so. It proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived and shared in any area of human life where there are Christians willing to dedicate their lives to God in an ongoing manner. The method is introduced by a **short course - Cursillo**.

The joyful proclamation of being a Christian!

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The Cursillo Weekend

The Cursillo method seeks to identify, train and support Christian leaders. To be part of the Cursillo Movement a person attends a three day weekend which is structured carefully to refresh the faith. The weekend is given by lay people and by priests, nuns and brothers who act as spiritual advisors. Together they present the basics of the Christian life by sharing their experiences. Topics covered at the weekend include:

- Ideals
- Habitual Grace
- Layperson in the Church
- Actual Grace
- Piety
- Study
- Action
- Grace
- Leaders
- Sacraments
- Study of Environments
- Life in Grace
- Christianity in Action
- Cursillista beyond the Cursillo
- Total Security or The Fourth Day -
Group Reunion and Ultreya

Each talk is followed by a discussion period.

The Cursillo weekend begins on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm and finishes Sunday 6.00pm.



The Fourth Day

The “After” activity of the Cursillo is known as the “Fourth Day”. During this time, perseverance is important just as it is in any method of renewal. In the Cursillo Movement the Community spirit is continued after the three days through the Group Reunion and Ultreya. These are available as a means of personal growth in living what is fundamental for being a Christian and as a means for developing friendships, encouraging and supporting one another in proclaiming the best news of the best reality that God in Christ loves us.

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Evangelisation of Environments

Correctly applied the Cursillo Movement can have very positive results in the spiritual revitalisation of the person and in turn, the world. The Christ likeness in a few good people is contagious. The transference of Christ's values to others in one's family, neighbourhood, work-place, school, business, entertainment etc., is the evangelisation of environments the Cursillo promotes. The goal of Cursillo is that Christ be the prime influence in society. So it is said that the primary goals of The Cursillo Movement are to develop a consciousness of the uniqueness, originality and creativity of the person and their mission to be leaders in the work of Christian Leaven in their environments, society and in the world. This evangelisation of environments is what the Cursillo Movement is all about.

Cursillo is a simple method to seek and develop a **Christian Spirit**, a **Christian Mentality**, a **Christian Activity** and a **Christian Community**.



History of Cursillo

The Cursillo in Christianity Movement was founded in Mallorca by Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló. In the summer of 1944, Eduardo led a first Three Day Cursillo for friends in a house in Cala Figuera. They repeated the experience many times, inviting mostly those they saw as born leaders, recruiting among non-practising as well as among the practising. Each Cursillo led to the formation of small groups which kept on meeting for mutual support in prayer, study and action.

Witnessing the wonderful results of their experience, Mgr. Juan Hervas, the island's new bishop, decided to sustain it and to actively get involved. In January 1949 was held the first Cursillo officially sanctioned by the ecclesiastical authorities. From that point on, thanks to Mgr. Hervas, Cursillos were held at an accelerated pace - around thirty in his diocese during the first year - and the Movement was given a tremendous boost.

The growth of the Cursillo Movement has been phenomenal. As early as 1955 it migrated to South America and Mexico, and from there quickly spread to twenty Spanish speaking countries. In 1961, it was introduced to the English speaking dioceses of North America.

Twenty years after its foundation, the CM had reached all five continents. Today, Cursillo weekends are given in more than 60 countries, and approximately 1500 diocese around the world.

The Cursillo movement first came to Ireland to Kilkenny in the 1960s under the auspices of Bishop Birch and is now established in eight dioceses on the island of Ireland.



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Application Form

Welcome to Cursillo

(Information Strictly Confidential)

Surname

Christian Names

Age

Phone No.

Address in full

☐ Married

☐ Single

☐ Widowed

☐ Separated

Name of Parish & Address

Name & Address of Sponsor

Phone No. of Sponsor

Important Notes

Mens Weekend

Thursday evening to Sunday 201

Womens Weekend

Thursday evening to Sunday 201

Name & Address of Venue

The Cursillo and Liturgy are Catholic

Cursillo begins at 7.30pm Thursday evening and ends at 6.00pm on Sunday evening.

Fee: Whatever you can afford at the end of the experience. However we ask for a Deposit of €30 upon completion and return of this form. The cost of the Weekend is: _____

If you have a special diet, please state

If you have any disability, please state

Please return completed form and deposit to you sponsor

Signature

Date



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill
the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And You shall renew
the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever
enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen

For further information on Cursillo please contact: