

Applications

Applications for Cursillo weekends are available online at www.cursillo-wccc.org by clicking on “Kelowna” and also from many members of the Cursillo community. Each candidate requires a sponsor who has attended a weekend. Candidates are encouraged to advise their church community that they plan on making a weekend.

Cost

There is no set fee for a Cursillo weekend. Your weekend will already have been paid for by the generosity of those who have attended previous Cursillo weekends. You, likewise, will be given the opportunity on the weekend to be generous to those who wish to make a Cursillo weekend in the future. All donations are confidential and are acknowledged with a tax deductible receipt.

Cursillo in Canada

Cursillo is recognized as a tool for renewal in many Catholic Dioceses in Canada, and the Cursillo method is used in parishes and church communities from St. Johns to Victoria. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Cursillos (CCCC) acts as liaison with the Church and Cursillo communities across Canada. The CCCC website is www.cursillo-canada.org.



For More Information

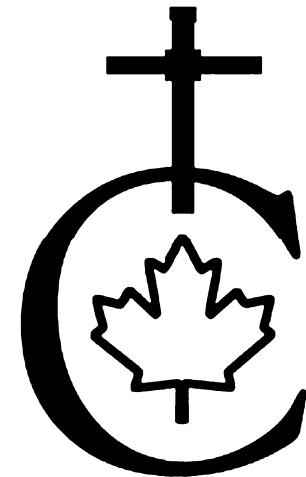
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Cursillo in Christianity



Kelowna

Diocese of Nelson

Cursillo Defined

Cursillo is a Spanish word pronounced “kur-see-yo” which means a short course. The full title is *Cursillo de Cristiandad*, meaning a short course in Christian living.

Cursillo began in Majorca, Spain, during the 1940’s in the Roman Catholic Church and has since spread to other Christian denominations. Cursillo is now active in more than fifty nations on five continents.

The purpose of Cursillo is to present a method of living as a Christian in the world. That is, Cursillo presents a way of structuring our Christian lives so as to make a difference in the world. It also provides a method for continual, personal spiritual growth.

The founder, Eduardo Bonnin, defines Cursillo as follows:

The Cursillo in Christianity is a movement that by means of its own method attempts, from within the Church, to ensure that the realities of Christianity are brought to life in the uniqueness, the originality, and in the creativity of each person. From their deep conviction, their freedom finds the right direction, and they discover their potential and accept their limitations, thus their will is strengthened. Friendships are developed by virtue of their decision and perseverance in their daily, personal and community life.

The Cursillo Weekend

The Cursillo weekend normally starts on Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. and ends Sunday at 7:00 p.m. If it is scheduled for a holiday weekend, it may run from Friday evening to Monday afternoon. It is a live-in weekend, and candidates are expected to attend the complete course.

The spirit of the weekend focuses entirely on the teachings of Jesus Christ and is designed to help you come to a fresh awareness of the ways in which you can live out your baptism. Participants worship together, live together and hear talks on the meaning of life in Christ and how one can more fully live in Him in today’s world.

The Talks

The weekend includes 14 talks. Although the titles of the talks may be familiar, the definitions taught on the weekend may be new to many participants.

- Ideal • Grace • Laity • Faith • Piety
- Study • Sacraments • Action • Obstacles to a Life of Grace • Leaders • The Study and Evangelization of Environments
- Christian Life • Christian Community
- Group Reunion and Ultreya

Each talk is followed by a discussion with a small group.

Participants (Candidates)

The Cursillo weekend is open to all adults who are ready for a learning and growing experience attained through worship, study, fellowship, and personal reflection.

Men’s and women’s weekends are held separately. Married couples are encouraged to attend their respective weekends.

The Cursillo Experience

A Cursillo is an encounter with Christ. Cursillo is an experience during which the participants live and learn that which is fundamental to being a Christian. There is no insistence that you must react in a certain way. Each person responds to the experience in his/her own fashion.

The Cursillo weekend takes place at Seton House of Prayer on Chute Lake Road. The candidates share a bedroom and bathroom with up to two other people. The facilities are not luxurious, but the warmth, the fellowship, and the spirit of the Cursillo makes the weekend both joyful and rewarding.

After the Cursillo Weekend

Further support and opportunities for spiritual growth and development are available following the weekend.