

The Cursillo offers an intense short course in Christianity...

... plus follow up in the community to help nourish your spiritual growth.



Should YOU apply for a Cursillo weekend?

- YES**, if you are searching for a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian and a Catholic.
- YES**, if you want fresh information about the Church and your role in it.
- YES**, if you are searching for a new meaning or direction to your life.
- YES**, if you thirst for a closer relationship with Christ.
- YES**, if you want to get more meaning out of your religious experience.
- YES**, if you want to be more effective as a Christian leader.
- NO**, if you have serious personal problems. Emotional or family problems that may preoccupy you and prevent you gaining full benefit from the weekend.

What is the CURSILLO MOVEMENT?

The Cursillo Movement was founded by a Spanish bishop in the 1940's and has spread worldwide. Hundreds of thousands of Catholics and thousands from other denominations have already taken the weekend short course and have found it to be a practical approach to Christian renewal.

Thus, there is a vast and diverse group of people who have gone before you and who are waiting to support you. You will find that your shared experiences and Christian faith are the basis for deep friendships that reflect Christ's love.

Many agree that while the Cursillo weekend is beneficial, its real importance lies in the support communities where spiritual growth is nourished on an ongoing basis.

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A MOVEMENT FOR CHRISTIAN RENEWAL

**Make a friend,
Be a friend,
Walk that friend to Christ!**



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The weekend is conducted by a team of lay volunteers and priests, sisters and deacons. Each team member has been carefully selected and rigorously trained to assure you of a meaningful experience.

Your weekend is a short course on Christianity, presented over a three-day weekend. The program is filled with practical information which you can immediately apply to your daily life. You will have the opportunity to examine your values and priorities, and you will learn how others have met the challenge of living for God in our complex society. You will bring home a more complete view of Christianity. This is a back to basics weekend which can help you better understand yourself, your family, your friends, the church, and Jesus Christ.

THE SUPPORT

(Ultreya & Group Reunion)

After your weekend course on Christianity, you will be invited to become part of a group of friends in your parish or community. These people meet periodically to offer mutual support and understanding. The gatherings are not unlike those of the early Christians, and you will find them a source of both spiritual and social enrichment. The program may include a teaching by a priest, practical experience shared by a lay person, and time for small groups to discuss the challenges we encounter in our daily lives.

By participating in the Cursillo, you will follow the same pattern through which Christ led the apostles... learning, community participation, evangelization. You will discover how you can serve God in the framework of your present vocation and life situation. You will build new, strong friendships which can enrich your life and that of your family. Most importantly, you will find new meaning in your life as a Catholic and a Christian.

WHO COMES TO A CURSILLO? WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE WEEKEND? IS IT A RETREAT OR A REPEAT OF MATERIAL YOU'VE ALREADY COVERED IN EARLIER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

All kinds of people attend the weekend course on Christianity... home makers, barbers, doctors, priests, unemployed, executives, sales people, policemen, psychologists, electricians, secretaries, nuns, bishops, single people, married people, people in their twenties, grandparents... everybody.

You will come together with the community to share a series of messages on living. Each hour builds on the last, until you have a more complete picture of Christ's interaction in your life. There will be ample time for prayer and reflection. The Eucharist is celebrated daily. Spiritual direction and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

The Cursillo is a learning experience, not just a retreat. The material you will cover is as old as Christ's message, but probably you have not experienced it in the spirit of a community which is the beauty of the Cursillo weekend.

There are separate Cursillo weekends for men and women and for English, Spanish, and Korean.

Participants must be 25 years of age. Husbands usually make the weekend before their wives. Candidates should be free of serious emotional or family problems so that they can fully respond to the message.

You may apply for a Cursillo weekend through a sponsor — a friend in your parish or community who has completed a weekend short course and continues to be active in the Cursillo Movement.

Many parishes have a Cursillo contact person. Here at St. Paul, contact the church office for the Ultreya leader.

Both you and your sponsor will be asked to submit forms. Only a limited number of applications can be accepted for each weekend; do not make plans to attend until your application has been confirmed.

There is a nominal fee for the weekend; however, the fee may be waived if it poses a hardship. Speak with your sponsor or Ultreya leader. Any offering to cover the basic expense is always appreciated.