

## CURSILLO IN CANADA

Cursillo is recognized as a tool for renewal in the majority of Anglican dioceses in Canada. The Cursillo method is in use in parishes and church communities from St. John's, NF to Victoria, BC. and to the Arctic (from sea to sea to sea). The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat acts as a liaison with the Church and Cursillo communities across Canada.

## MORE INFORMATION

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## CURSILLO IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

...but grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.....

Ephesians 4:7, 11-12.

## WHAT IS CURSILLO?

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.

The purpose of Cursillo is to present a method of living what is fundamental for being 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. Cursillo began in Majorca, Spain, during the 1940’s in the Roman Catholic Church and has since spread to other communions. Cursillo is now active in more than 50 nations on five continents.

The Cursillo Movement is one method of renewal in the Church. Its purpose is to help those in the Church understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders. This leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities and within the church.

## WHAT IS THE CURSILLO METHOD?

There are three equally important parts;

1. Identification of potential areas in life to be influenced by the Gospel.
2. The Three-Day Cursillo Weekend.
3. The follow-up support system that focuses attention on Christian action through faith and study.

## THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

It is a three day live-in weekend. Participants 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.

During the weekend there will be worship and fellowship, as well as 15 talks, which will help one to become more fully alive in Christ.

The talks, given by clergy and lay people, are rooted in the Anglican tradition.

A Cursillo weekend will have essentially the same structure wherever it is experienced.

## AFTER THE WEEKEND

Cursillo is not a substitute for your parish church. It is a movement of the Anglican Church designed to help you renew and enhance your Christian life, and to enable you to function fully in your parish. There are, however, further opportunities for spiritual growth offered through Group Reunion, Ultreyas and Leaders School.

**Group Reunion** Is a regular meeting of 2-6 people who support and encourage one another in their Christian faith, study and action.

**Ultreya** Is a larger gathering, either local or diocesan, which usually meets in a church in an atmosphere of prayer and support. Ultreyas are open to all Christians, not just those who have attended a Cursillo weekend.

**Leaders’ School/Servant Community** Is a regular session, during which participants study

some aspect of Anglican doctrine, furthering their understanding of the Cursillo method as a tool of church renewal. Servant Community is for those who have attended a Cursillo weekend.

## WHO MAY ATTEND A CURSILLO WEEKEND?

The Cursillo weekend is open to any baptized adult Christian who is ready for a learning and growing experience received through worship, study, fellowship, and personal reflection.

Cursillo is not a therapy program. It is recommended that anyone undergoing any kind of stress--health problems, family difficulties, personal crises etc—should postpone attending a weekend.

Men’s and Women’s weekends are usually held separately. Some dioceses offer co-ed weekends.

## HOW DOES ONE APPLY?

Applications are available from your local Diocesan office, your parish, or from clergy and lay people who have attended a Cursillo weekend. Two sponsors are required for each candidate, your parish priest and someone who has already been on a weekend.

You will be notified when you have been selected as a candidate.

## WHAT IS THE COST OF THE WEEKEND?

This varies from diocese to diocese. It is best to check with your sponsor.