

What is Cursillo?

(pronounced "cur-see-yo")

Ask yourself...

- Do you wish to have a closer relationship to God?
- Do you seek the sense of joy, peace, and hope that you see in some Christians?
- Do you want to live your faith in your daily life?
- Do you desire to meet others with whom you can share your faith journey?
- Do you want to share the Good News of God's love with others around you?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you are invited to seek a deeper relationship of God within the framework of a supportive Catholic Christian Community.

Cursillo is for adults of all ages and phases of their faith journey. Participants will experience the fullness of Christian faith offered by the Catholic Church.

Are You Interested?

Cursillo provides a method for you to grow in your faith, enrich your relationship with God, and live the life that God intended for you. We invite you to join in a refreshing weekend spent meeting Jesus as He comes to you through other Christians.

Cursillo Representatives

The person who handed you this brochure may be a great sponsor, or you may refer to the list below for a sponsor in your area. For more information and for an application, please be sure to contact a sponsor to help you. Thank you and may God bless you on your journey!

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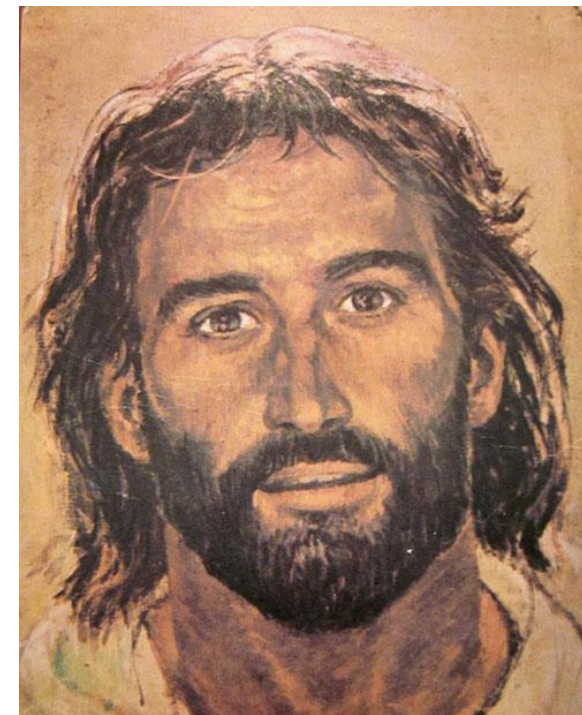
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Please allow me to be your Sponsor:

Become better acquainted with Jesus by accepting His invitation to live your Cursillo!



Diocese of Venice Cursillo Weekends are as follows:

Weekends are held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice, Florida.

Men's Weekend

**October 3rd 2019 at 6:00pm to
October 6th 2019 at 5:00pm**

Women's Weekend

**October 10th 2019 at 6:00pm to
October 13th 2019 at 5:00pm**

Who Should Go To Cursillo?

Cursillo is for the development of Christians who:

- Wish to strengthen their spiritual lives.
- May have unanswered questions about prayer, study, and sharing their faith.
- Understand that being a Christian includes responsibility.
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner.
- Have positions of responsibility in the Church and the world.

In order for your application to be accepted, you must be sponsored by an active member of the Cursillo movement, be a practicing Catholic, free to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church.

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What Happens At Cursillo?

Cursillo is a 72-hour experience. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening.

A well-prepared team of clergy and laypeople share powerful, personal

witness talks, lead interesting table discussions and facilitate lighthearted activities with a spiritual theme. You will eat like royalty, sleep like a baby, laugh out loud, perhaps shed a tear, and make numerous new "God-friends" from your shared experience.

These talks present the theme of God's grace and how grace comes alive in the Christian community and expresses itself in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, and how you can live in the life of grace, bringing grace to others. You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion, and to begin to understand more fully the presence of Christ in His body of believers.

Cursillo - A Journey With Christ

The Gospel of Saint Luke relates to the story of the risen Christ appearing to two who were along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Two friends were walking together, sharing their heart's deepest concerns. The risen Christ joined them and explained the scriptures as they walked; how it was ordained that Christ should suffer and so enter His glory. This experience on the road was a heart-warming experience as the risen Christ walked and talked with them. The illuminating climax of the experience was when Christ took the bread and said the blessing, then broke it and gave it to

them. The two had their eyes open and they recognized Him as the risen Christ and rushed back to Jerusalem to tell others. (Luke 24:13-35)

What Happens After Cursillo?

When the weekend concludes, many will leave with a heightened self-awareness, as it relates to their Spiritual Journey. For others, the fire of GOD's love will be kindled (or rekindled) in their hearts. Some on the other hand, will take more time to process the various elements of their weekend.

Ultimately, the weekend is designed for each of us to find God's true presence within ourselves, perhaps for the first time in our lives and to live out the true meaning of a Christian community.

If you feel a desire to draw closer to Christ and His Church, if you seek to better discern and respond to God's call, then do not miss this opportunity to encounter Christ in a powerful way which is both personal and communal.

