

*prayers...praising God and winning approval of all the people.
Day by day the Lord added to their number."*

Cursillo



"Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every
creature." Mark 16:15

IS THE CURSILLO A PART OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Yes. Cursillo, similar to Marriage Encounter, Charismatic Renewal, The Christian Family Movement and other renewal programs is an official part of the Roman Catholic Church and is endorsed by the Vatican worldwide and the Diocese of Scranton.

WHO MAY ATTEND CURSILLO?

Cursillo is for Catholics who wish to strengthen their spiritual lives. The Cursillo weekend is held separately for men and women. Any person 18 years and over (including priest, deacons, and religious) of the Diocese may attend Cursillo.

IS THE CURSILLO ANOTHER ORGANIZATION?

There is no formal organization of Cursillo. Activities for each Diocese are planned by a Lay Director, a priest Spiritual Director, and a group of Lay Leaders. Those who attend Cursillo weekends are encouraged to return to their families, places of work, parishes, and other groups to which they belong and through example make Christ more present in those environments.

WHAT IS CURSILLO LIKE?

The weekend consists of spiritual talks, discussion, daily Mass, prayer time, and the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The "talk" part is built around 15 short presentations given by clergy, religious, and laypersons. After each instruction small groups discuss the material presented.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER CURSILLO?

Your weekend only lasts three days, but you are invited to build on it for the rest of your life. Those who attend Cursillo are encouraged following their weekend to expand their spiritual lives through prayer, study, and to become more active disciples of Christ.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

We invite you to join in a special weekend spent meeting Jesus as He comes to you through other Catholics.

For further information, visit our web site:

www.scranton.cursillo.homestead.com.

WHAT IS CURSILLO?

Cursillo (pronounced cur-see-yo) means “little course” in the fundamental teachings of Jesus as lived with other Christians. It is Spanish in origin founded by Bishop Juan Hervas and Eduardo Bonnín in 1947. It made its first appearance in the United States in 1957 and has spread to every diocese in the United States. **The goal of the Cursillo Movement is to make Christ the prime influence in society.**

The Cursillo is often described as a retreat; however, it differs from the typical silent retreat. While there is some quiet time and considerable time for prayer, there is more time for discussion with your peers than in most retreats. The three day course begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. It is conducted by a team of priests, deacons, religious, and laypersons. Cursillo is best described as an experience of living in a Christian community. The experience of Cursillo enables one to sense more vividly the enthusiasm of the first Century Church as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:44-47:

“They devoted themselves to the Apostles” instruction and the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and

