

**What you  
should know  
about  
Cursillo...**

Cursillo deals primarily with a growth in knowledge, in awareness and in love of God, neighbor and world. It is the beginning of leadership training and can give new insights into Christian community. Each person is asked to consider how he or she might continue to grow in Christian awareness and become part of a loving Christian community after the three days.



Quincy Cursillo invites YOU to the 3-day experience. You may contact the person below or an area representative in your geographic area. For a list of the area representatives, please visit the Quincy Cursillo website at [www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com). We will be happy to hear from you and answer your questions.

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*A Short  
Course in  
Christianity*

*Christ is  
Counting on  
You!*

## A few good reasons for a ... Cursillo



- *“I am searching for personal growth.”*
- *“I am looking for new opportunities for Christian fellowship and service.”*
- *“I’d like to know more about the meaning of Christian community.”*
- *“I need an adult understanding of my faith.”*
- *“I would like more insight as to how my spirituality and religion relate to my life.”*

In today’s world, **can Christianity penetrate and thrive** in the many areas of secular life? **Can it transform the world** in a way that is in keeping with the times? The Cursillo Movement believes that this is possible. **It proposes NO new type of spirituality** but simply a **method** through which one’s spirituality may be developed, lived and shared in any area of human life where there are Christians willing to dedicate their lives to God’s mission.

### Instrument of Renewal

Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word meaning “short course”. It begins on Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday night. During these three days, the Cursillistas (those attending) live and work together, listening to talks given by priests and lay-persons. They also pray together, celebrate the Eucharist and share in the fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. The priest, who is the Spiritual Director, and the lay-persons, who comprise the team, spend many weeks in prayer and preparation.

The Movement of Cursillos in Christianity is a powerful instrument of renewal in the Church. In December 1963, Pope Paul VI gave his approval to the Movement appointing St. Paul as the official Patron and Protector. Although a Cursillo is not a Retreat, its aim is to concentrate on the Person and teachings of Jesus Christ. It gives those who attend a living understanding of basic Christian truths and the desire to



serve the Church. Furthermore, it provides a means to continue the Christian formation which begins during the three day experience.

### The Fourth Day

The “follow-up” activity of the Cursillo is known as the “Fourth Day”, that is, the remainder of the Cursillista’s life on earth. During this time perseverance is important just as it is in any renewal method. In the Cursillo Movement, the community spirit is continued beyond the three days through small Group Reunions and “Ultreyas” (larger group get-togethers). These are a means to encourage growth in spirituality and in understanding of God’s message thereby accomplishing His earthly mission.

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