

Cursillo de Cursillos Opportunities & Benefits

Cursillo de Cursillos, what is it? Simply stated, it is a *course* on the Foundational Charism of Cursillo for Cursillistas who are searching for something *beyond* what they learned and experienced during the Cursillo Weekend. Therefore, in order to help Cursillistas with a thorough knowledge of the Charism, a special course called Cursillo de Cursillos was developed by Eduardo Bonnín.

Cursillo de Cursillos is a course that has provided Cursillistas with knowledge and a living experience of what is essential in the mentality and methodology of the Movement. It is offered to those Cursillistas who have the necessary aptitude and attitude *to be* effective and authentic leaders. This course has provided many Cursillistas with an opportunity to discover the immense possibilities that Cursillo has to offer the person, the environments, and the Church.

Cursillo de Cursillos has helped many Cursillistas delve into the spiritual and technical elements of the Movement in light of its Charism. This course uses a schedule and format similar to the Cursillo Weekend. The course begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday evening. A total of 15 Rollos and 5 Meditations are presented by a team of laity and clergy. Each Rollo presented is followed by a discussion within each 'decuria' or table group. Sufficient time is allotted for questions and answers at the end of each Rollo. Each day creates a different environment in and through the participation of the Cursillistas in friendship. The course provides a relaxing atmosphere with plenty of food, Cursillo related topics, breaks for reflection, prayer, personal contact, Spiritual Direction, and daily Eucharist.

Besides increasing the Cursillistas' knowledge of the Charism of Cursillo, the participants have enjoyed the opportunity to strengthen and renew friendships, make new friends, share and learn from one another personal experiences in discipleship and leadership, and in particular, they have enjoyed the opportunity to nurture and deepen the three essential encounters with self, Christ, and others. Similar to the Cursillo Weekend, the Cursillo de Cursillos must be a personal living experience in order to fully understand its message and benefits.

Cursillistas have responded enthusiastically to the truth and simplicity of Cursillo in light of its Charism and through God's grace, they are inspired to return to the School of Leaders, Ultreyas, and environments to live, witness, and proclaim the Good News that God loves us. This inspiration or response is evident in the Cursillistas after listening, reflecting, sharing, and freely embracing the true Charism of Cursillo!

To-date, Cursillo de Cursillos is the most effective course available for Cursillistas who want to go deeper into the Charism of Cursillo. I sincerely encourage the Secretariats in every diocese of the 12 regions in the United States to ask their Regional Coordinator to provide a Cursillo de Cursillos for their community. The goal of Cursillo is to leaven the environments with the Gospel, in the moveable square meter where God has placed us at this exact moment. Therefore, we must allow the Charism of Cursillo to inform us, form us, and transform us, and then like the 72 Disciples of Christ, *go out to all the people* and through friendship, convince them that God in Christ loves them!

In Friendship,
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