

The Cursillo Experience...

"Attending Cursillo was the best thing I ever did. It took everything I knew about Christ and moved it from my head to my heart. It was amazing!"

"Cursillo! A life changing experience! My priorities have changed. I now put God first and everything else just falls into place."

"Cursillo really showed me how much I am actually LOVED by God. I had no idea."

"Cursillo changed my heart and helped me let go of hurts that had affected my walk with Christ."

"Cursillo...For me, the weekend was a preview of heaven and the abundant love and joy that our awesome God has prepared for us!"

"Cursillo changed my life. I went there not knowing what to expect, not even really liking it at first. But once it took hold, it was a true mountaintop experience. I came home so full of God's love."

"Cursillo showed me how real and alive Jesus is today. It also taught me how powerful a community can be when brought together for the purpose of the Love of our Savior."



Prayer for the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of
your faithful,
and kindle in us
the fire of your love.



Send forth your Spirit,
and we shall be created,
And you shall renew
the face of the earth.

O God who by the light
of the Holy Spirit
instructs the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by that same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice
in His consolations.
through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

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You are invited to share in a unique Christian renewal.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit."

John 15:16

What is Cursillo?



Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning “short course”. It is a highly structured three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God’s grace. It is a combined effort of lay-people and clergy toward renewal of the church.

History of Cursillo

Cursillo originated in the late 1940’s in the Spanish Catholic church and moved to America in the late 1950’s. It began in the Lutheran church when lay-people and clergy attended a Catholic Cursillo in 1971 in Texas. The first Lutheran sponsored weekends were held in 1972 in both Iowa and Florida and have now been held in over 23 states and in some foreign countries. Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California held its first weekend in June 1990. Weekend sets are held two or three times a year.



What happens when I go?

A Cursillo weekend is three days in length, beginning on Thursday evening and ending the following Sunday afternoon. Participants worship, study and commune together daily. The content of the weekend centers around 15 talks—10 given by lay-people and 5 given by clergy. Following each talk, small round table

discussions focus on the main points of the talk presented. The titles of the talks indicate their content: *Ideals, Grace, Laity, Faith, Piety, Study, Sacraments, Action, Obstacles to Grace, Leaders, Environments, Christian Life, Christian Community, and Group Reunion*. Throughout the weekend there is plenty of music, singing, fellowship, food and time for prayer.

What happens after I attend?

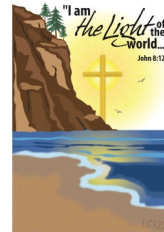
Once you have attended a Cursillo weekend, you are a part of the larger Cursillo community, made up of congregations like yours. You are encouraged to continue your spiritual growth through renewal groups, study and church participation. Renewal has two forms, small groups of men and women who meet to pray and share with each other spiritually, and monthly meetings of the Cursillo community at a host church for fellowship, singing, communion and encouragement from the people you met on your weekend.

Who can go?

The Cursillo weekend is intended for married couples, single men and women and clergy. To be eligible you must be baptized and in regular attendance and/or active in ministries within your Lutheran Congregation. Your Pastor must endorse this application with his/her signature; if your church does not currently have a pastor, or if your pastor has not been through Cursillo, the Cursillo representative from your church may sign the application. Pastors attending for the first time are encouraged to have several members of their own congregation attend with them. Men attend the first weekend and women attend the second weekend.

What are the facilities like?

The facility for the weekend is Cursillo House in Pomona, California. You are furnished with a twin bed, hot showers, and three meals a day from our kitchen. A phone number will be provided for loved ones to call should an emergency arise while you are attending the weekend.



Special Needs

If you require a special diet, handicapped facilities or take medication daily, you may still attend. We will be happy to cooperate with your needs.

What does it cost me?

Nothing! It is the policy of Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California not to turn anyone away because of money. Others like yourself who have attended the weekend have felt the desire to contribute to support the weekends, so that you can attend. If you feel you would like to contribute so that others can attend in the future, you will be told how to do so. Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California is a non-profit organization and receives its funds only from contributions that are tax deductible. The Cursillo team consist of lay-people and clergy volunteers who have attended a past Cursillo weekend and wanted to return to serve others.

Why should I go?

Many of those who have attended also wondered whether or not they should go. Now that they have attended, they want to share this wonderful gift from our Lord. Your

experience will be unique and your spiritual life with the Lord—no matter how strong—will be further strengthened for having had the experience. The goal of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action in their lives, homes, churches and communities.

How do I apply?

For further information or an application, contact your Pastor or church office. Additional information, applications and contact information can also be found at www.lcsocal.org.

