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Cursillo *forward*



Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego
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**Presiding Bishop Curry: 'Cursillo Was A
Significant Part of My Own Faith Journey'**

The Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat of North Carolina, where **the Most Rev. Michael Curry** served as Bishop for years prior to his election as Presiding Bishop, prevailed upon their favorite son to say a few words in support of their ministry. Many thanks to the Secretariat for sharing this brief message of PB Curry with the rest of the Episcopal Cursillo community.

Hello,

Cursillo is a movement and an effort in the church that is designed and intended to help us to grow in a deeper and more personal, more committed relationship with Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord, and Friend.

I made a Cursillo some years ago when I was bishop of North Carolina. It was not only a moving experience, but a significant part of my own faith journey. As a follower of Jesus, one who seeks to be committed to His teachings, and to His way of love, Cursillo has been an aid to me on that journey, and I know it's an aid to many others on a similar journey.

Some years ago, in 2008, I attended the Lambeth Conference of Bishops. And one of the speakers whose name I don't actually remember, one of the speakers was talking about sharing the gospel and living the gospel of Jesus in our own lives. And at one point, he paused, you could tell he was about to pivot to something. He paused and he said, "you know, the truth is people who've committed their lives to Jesus of Nazareth, and to actually trying to live out what He taught us, they are different. They may not be perfect, but they are different, and they make a difference in the world." He's right. Those who have made a commitment to Jesus of Nazareth, and have committed to try to live his teachings, what he taught us, and the power of His Spirit, there is a difference. And we do make a difference. We're not perfect, but we make a difference.

I encourage you to explore Cursillo to look at it as one way that you might grow deeper in faith and in following Jesus of Nazareth, and His way of love. The way of love, which is indeed the way of life.

God love you.

God bless you.

May God hold us all in those Almighty hands of love.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE EPISCOPAL CURSILLO MINISTRY

What is Cursillo?

- An opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality.
- A deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how we can serve Him.
- An experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community and realizing that this can be extended into our own environment.
- A continuing community that gives support and encouragement to help Christians carry out their Baptismal Vows.

The Episcopal Cursillo Weekend

Cursillo includes a time to experience living in a supportive Christian community through the Episcopal Cursillo Weekend. Across the country, dioceses offer Weekends following a three-day schedule that begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday. ALL Weekends include fifteen talks, five meditations and a Eucharist every day. The Episcopal Cursillo Weekend is not a retreat. It is an opportunity to meet clergy and laity seeking to strengthen our faith. It provides an environment to experience the reality of the gift of God's love through shared prayer, individual meditation, worship, study, fellowship, laughter, tears, and unconditional love.

After the Weekend

Each person returning from a Weekend is encouraged to actively participate in the Jesus Movement. This time after the Weekend is known as the "Fourth Day" and extends for the rest of their lives. Through the Cursillo community, there are ongoing means to support Christian living and ministry

What's expected of participants?

- To be open and willing to respond to what you experience, to share your feelings with others, and allow them to share theirs with you:
- To make a genuine effort to discover where you are and where or how you can grow in your Christian life.
- To feel secure in the knowledge that you are accepted where you are and as you are, and to know that a specific response is not expected of you.

What is the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry?

The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry, through the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Committee, guides the work of Episcopal Diocesan Cursillo ministries in the USA and other locations.

