

The Cursillo Movement of the Archdiocese of Boston

Application for Cursillo

Cursillo is an experience of people coming together and forming a community which brings into focus the place of the Christian in the world. It is designed to help mature Catholics work toward a communal spirituality, a Christian way of life within groups of people. It is hoped that both partners in a marriage will experience the Cursillo Weekend.

Weekends are held at the Notre Dame Spirituality Center, Ipswich MA.

Women's Weekend _____ Dates **Men's Weekend** _____ Dates

Name: _____ Nickname: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Marital Status: Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed, Separated Spouse's Name: _____

of Children: _____ Occupation: (or former occupation if retired): _____

Parish: _____ City: _____

Christian Activities: _____

Please indicate why you want to attend Cursillo: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Tel.#: _____

Please indicate any physical disabilities, health considerations or dietary needs you have: _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parish Priest's Signature _____ Date: _____

This is only an application for Cursillo Weekend. You will receive a letter of acceptance.

After completing this application, please return it to the person who is sponsoring you for Cursillo.

The cost of the weekend is \$275. Please enclose a deposit of \$125 with your application form.

Balance is payable on Sunday morning of the Weekend.

(No one will be turned away because of finances. Assistance is available)

Please make checks payable to: "Boston Cursillo"

Give application and check to sponsor or send to:

Boston Cursillo
573 Washington Street
Newton, MA 02458

Cursillo

What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church so that His love and grace can be brought to every aspect of life.

Cursillo, pronounced "cur-see-yo", began in Spain in 1939 and has spread throughout the world. The word "Cursillo" means, "little course." The Cursillo is a little course in Christianity.

In a fuller sense, Cursillo is an experience of people gathered into a small community by Christ to promote their growth in grace and to intensify their ability to be His witnesses in the world.

What is the format of Cursillo?

Cursillo begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon.

- The first part of the weekend is called the "retreat phase" of the Cursillo. It lasts from Thursday evening until breakfast on Friday.
- Then, the "little course" really begins. Throughout the weekend lay people and priests present the basic teachings of Christ. Each presentation is followed by a discussion.
- Daily Eucharist, the Sacrament of Penance, common prayer and personal prayer are significant elements of the weekend.

Who makes a Cursillo?

Any Catholic, 25 years old or older, who wants to deepen their faith commitment to Christ and his Church is welcome to participate in Cursillo.

For married couples, both partners are strongly encouraged to participate in Cursillo within a reasonable time. Applications from married couples may be submitted together.

What is required to make a Cursillo?

Each person who participates in Cursillo needs a sponsor; that is, someone who has already participated in a Cursillo weekend. The sponsor will provide you with information about Cursillo and give you the application form. The signature of a priest is needed on the application form.

What follows Cursillo?

After Cursillo, optional gatherings renew the Cursillo community in a spirit of Christian friendship and support so that the members are further motivated to live and share their faith with others.

People who have participated in Cursillo are encouraged to become active in their parishes. The parish is where prayer and the sacraments nourish our faith. Some people may not become active in parish organizations. However, they can exercise a tremendous spiritual influence in their homes, neighborhoods and workplaces.

Where are they held?

Notre Dame Spirituality Center
30 Jeffrey's Neck Road
Ipswich, MA 01938

For further information:

Cursillo web site: www.bostoncursillo.org
Cursillo email: bostoncursillo@gmail.com