

Canadian Anglican Cursillo

CO-ED WEEKENDS



The authentic three-day Cursillo Weekend focuses on the individual person and his or her necessity to live what is fundamental for being a Christian. While the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat continues to support the founder's vision of separate weekends for men and women, we recognize that because of geographical locations and the demographics of our communities, some areas of the country are now holding Co-Ed Weekends. For the Candidates and Team Members certain guidelines should be followed to allow these weekends to present themselves effectively.

It is imperative that the focus of the weekend is to concentrate on the person and their individual relationship with God within the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. On the weekend it is preferable to have separate table communities for the men and women, as experience has shown gender separation contributes to more open discussion and sharing.
2. Separate sleeping accommodations must be provided for the men and for the women. Spousal candidates and team must be made well aware of this before making the commitment to attend. A Co-Ed Cursillo weekend is an individual faith journey. This arrangement helps ensure that individuals attending do not feel excluded.
3. Separate washroom and bathing facilities for both male and female must be provided.
4. Meals and free time provide the opportunity for the whole group to intermingle.

TEAM SELECTION

1. Team selection is crucial. There should be a balance between male and female, single people and married couples, serving on team.
2. Both male and female clergy should be on the Spiritual team for the weekend if at all possible. The candidates, as well as team members, will then have a choice to select the person with whom they feel most comfortable.

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3. The roll of Coordinator (Rector/a) and Assistant Coordinator should alternate between male and female on successive weekends.

4. When spousal couples are serving on team the same weekend, their focus must be on the candidates, not each other. Therefore, they should not act the part of 'husband and wife' during the weekend.