

Canadian Anglican Cursillo

Continuous Education for the Diocesan Secretariat



The Secretariat meetings function as a Group Reunion. One leg of the tripod which is often overlooked by the Secretariat as a whole is Study.

One of the most important aspects of the Diocesan Secretariat is to have a continuous study or EDUCATION PROGRAM centered on the Cursillo method. As new people join a Secretariat and as new Cursillo guidelines are developed, there is a need to keep Secretariat members up to date and knowledgeable. Secretariat members are also members of the local Servant Community. Although Servant Community teachings should also be attended by Secretariat members, the education of the Secretariat is of necessity more comprehensive and broader in scope than that of the Servant Community.

There is plenty of information available in both the NEC Library and the CACS Library. Is this information being widely used? One suggested format is that an *Annual Education Plan* be developed. Secretariat could then prioritize the guidelines in these two major sources and determine which books need study. At an initial Secretariat meeting have the list of the *Table of Contents* for the CACS Library and have each Secretariat member indicate which item(s) should be studied further.

There are three ways in which an Education/Study Program for Diocesan Secretariats can be implemented:

1. It is recommended that each Secretariat member have access to a copy of both Cursillo Libraries (NEC & CACS), and be actively encouraged to read them.

NOTE: These books should be kept up to date, since they are reviewed and changed on a regular basis.

2. Ten minutes of each Secretariat meeting could be devoted to the presenting and discussion of one of the books of the Libraries. One Secretariat person could be assigned responsibly for these sessions, or a rotation schedule could be set up so that all Secretariat members share the load.
3. A one day or a half day annual workshop could be held to deepen the understanding of the Cursillo Library books. This workshop could then be available to the entire Cursillo community, especially to current or future weekend team members, Secretariat members, clergy, etc. This could also serve as a Servant Community event.

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4. On a regular basis, the diocesan Secretariat should hold a Cursillo Learners' Workshop (CLW). This can readily be achieved by inviting the CACS to offer a CLW when they hold their scheduled meetings in the diocese.

5. Diocesan Secretariat attendance at the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Triennial Conference and General Meeting provides an excellent opportunity for Secretariat education, networking, and sharing of ideas with other Secretariats.