

**CANADIAN ANGLICAN  
CURSILLO SECRETARIAT  
(CACS)**

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The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) acts as a liaison with the Church and Cursillo Movements throughout Canada. It operates under a Letter of Agreement dated May 15, 1989 with the National Secretariat of the Roman Catholic Cursillo Movement in the United States. In that Letter of Agreement, CACS is charged with maintaining the “authenticity of Cursillo” throughout the Anglican Cursillo Movement in Canada. Diocesan Cursillo Movements operate under the authority of their Diocesan Bishop.

Cursillo is recognized as a tool for renewal in many Anglican Dioceses in the Anglican Church of Canada and its method is used in parishes and church communities across the country.

For more information about Cursillo in the Anglican Church of Canada, please check out our Website at [www.anglicancursillo.com](http://www.anglicancursillo.com)

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...but grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. And his gifts, were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ ...

Ephesians 4:7, 11-12

# WHAT IS CURSILLO?

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Cursillo is a Spanish word pronounced “Kur/see/yo” which means “a short course”. The full title Cursillo de Cristiandad, means “a short course in Christian living”.

The purpose of Cursillo is to present a method of living what is fundamental for being a Christian in the world. That is, Cursillo presents a way of structuring our Christian lives so as to make a difference in the world. Cursillo began in Majorca, Spain, during the 1940’s in the Roman Catholic Church and has since spread to other communions worldwide. It is active in more than 50 nations on five continents.

The Cursillo Movement is one method of renewal in the Church. Its purpose is to help those in the Church understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders. This leadership may be exercised in work situations, in your family and social life, in leisure activities and within the church.

## WHAT IS THE CURSILLO METHOD?

There are three equally important parts:

1. Identification of potential areas in life to be impacted by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. The Three-Day Cursillo Weekend.
3. The follow-up support system that focuses attention on spiritual growth and action through piety (prayer), study and action.

## THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

It is a three-day live-in weekend. Participants are expected to attend the complete course. The spirit of the weekend focuses entirely on the teachings of Jesus Christ and is designed to help you come to a fresh awareness of the ways in which you can live out your Baptismal promises.

During the weekend there will be worship and fellowship opportunities, as well as 15 talks which will help you to become more fully alive in Christ. These talks are given by clergy and lay people and are rooted in the Anglican tradition.

## AFTER THE WEEKEND

Cursillo is not a substitute for your Parish church. It is a movement of the Anglican Church of Canada, designed to help you renew and enhance your Christian life. There are, however, further opportunities for spiritual growth offered through Group Reunion, Ultreya and Servant Community/Leaders School.

**Group Reunion** is a regular meeting of 3-6 people who support and encourage one another in their Christian journey through the use of the Cursillo method of piety (prayer), study and action.

**Ultreya** is a larger gathering, either local or diocesan, which usually meets in a church in an atmosphere of prayer and support. Ultreyas are open to all Christians, not just those who have experienced a Cursillo weekend. Music and Witness talks are important to the joyful atmosphere of each Ultreya.

**Servant Community/Leaders School** offers opportunities to study part of Anglican doctrine and Cursillo literature which helps to further the understanding of the way Cursillo can be used for church renewal. Servant Community is for those who have been to a Cursillo weekend and wish to support their local Movement.

## WHO MAY ATTEND?

The Cursillo weekend is open to any baptized adult Christian who is ready for a learning and growing experience received through worship, study, fellowship and personal reflection.

Cursillo is not a therapy program. It is recommended that anyone undergoing any kind of stress—health problems, family difficulties, personal crisis such as the recent death of a loved one—should postpone attending a weekend.

Many Dioceses hold Co-Ed weekends. Some Dioceses are still holding separate Cursillo weekends for Men and Women.

## HOW DOES ONE APPLY?

Applications are available from your local Diocesan Cursillo Movement, Parish, Clergy and lay people who have attended a Cursillo weekend. Two sponsors are required for each person wishing to attend, one of whom is your Parish Priest and the other someone who has already been on a Cursillo Weekend. Your local Cursillo Movement will let you know when your application has been accepted.

## WHAT IS THE COST OF THE WEEKEND?

The cost to attend a Cursillo Weekend varies from Diocese to Diocese. It is best to check this out with your local Cursillo Diocesan Movement.

