

Canadian Anglican Cursillo

INTERDENOMINATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE ANGLICAN CURSILLO MOVEMENT IN CANADA



The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) is charged with the responsibility of guarding the authenticity of the Cursillo Movement in the Anglican Church of Canada, and presents this guideline to be prayerfully considered in each of the sister Diocesan Cursillos.

(Since the Anglican Church of Canada is now in full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada (ELCIC), the participation of such Lutherans as candidates or members of Weekend team or Secretariat is not considered as interdenominational but an extension of the special relationship the Anglican Church of Canada has with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Evangelical Lutherans will be accepted under the same terms as Anglicans.)

One of the provisions of our Letter of Agreement with the United States Catholic Cursillo Movement (USCCM) states: *"The Diocesan Cursillo should apply the Cursillo weekend properly, according to the general practice and using the approved talk guidelines, to candidates of the same denomination (i.e. Anglican) by an Anglican team of individuals who are exemplary in their own living experience of the Christian life and Cursillo method."*

To live within the interpretation of the letter of the Agreement and to be faithful to the spirit of the Agreement, **The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat offers these guidelines for consideration in every Diocesan Cursillo Movement in Canada:**

Weekend Participation:

1. If your Movement's current practice is to accept only Anglicans as candidates or members of Cursillo weekend team, we strongly suggest that you continue this practice.
2. If your Movement's current practice is to accept non-Anglicans as candidates or as members of weekend team, the following guidelines are offered:
 - (a) If there is a local movement in the potential candidate's own denomination, the Sponsor must advise the potential candidate and suggest he/she first explore the possibility of participating in it.

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(b) The Sponsor must consult with the Diocesan Spiritual Director before approaching the potential candidate.

(c) The Sponsor must explain the “Anglican” content of the Cursillo weekend (specifically the Sacraments and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist) and advise the candidate that the Spiritual Director will be contacting the potential candidate’s priest/pastor.

(d) The Sponsor must point out the possibility that there may be friction in the candidate’s own denomination and/or family if he/she participates in an Anglican Cursillo weekend.

(e) The Diocesan Spiritual Director must make contact with the potential candidate’s priest/pastor and explain the content of the Anglican Cursillo Method, of the authentic weekend, and of the Fourth Day.

(f) The potential candidate’s own priest/pastor must sign the application form.

(g) The Diocesan Secretariat or the Screening Committee of the Secretariat must ensure that all the above steps have been enacted before approving the application.

(h) The decision made by the local Diocesan Secretariat in this matter must meet the approval of the Diocesan Bishop.

The CACS recommends that local Secretariats that choose to include non-Anglicans as candidates implement the following guideline for selection of non-Anglican candidates for weekends:

1. priority be given to Anglicans up to a certain date; after the deadline, other persons would be considered; and,
2. the Diocesan Cursillo establish a limit on the number of non-Anglicans permitted as candidates on a weekend, and that number must not exceed 50% of the total number of candidates.

The CACS recommends that local Secretariats that choose to include non-Anglicans as members of weekend team implement the following guidelines:

1. That the Lay Director(s)/ Rector/Rectora **must** be Anglican
2. That the Spiritual Director(s) **must** be Anglican
3. That non-Anglicans may be selected to fill other roles on weekend teams to a maximum of 20% of the weekend team membership.

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Secretariat Participation:

The CACS recommends that the following guideline be followed when choosing non-Anglicans as members of the Diocesan Secretariat:

1. That the Lay Director(s) **must** be Anglican.
2. That the Spiritual Director(s) **must** be Anglican.
3. That non-Anglicans may serve in other capacities on the Diocesan Secretariat to a maximum of 10% of the Diocesan Secretariat.
4. That the composition of the Diocesan Secretariat **must** be approved by the Diocesan Bishop under whose jurisdiction the Cursillo of the Diocese operates.

The CACS realizes that this is a contentious issue throughout the Cursillo movement in Canada. We hope that these guidelines will assist the Diocesan Secretariats as they individually wrestle with the concerns which have been expressed concerning the participation of non-Anglicans as candidates, weekend team members, and as members of Diocesan Secretariats.