

Canadian Anglican Cursillo



PERMANENT GROUP REUNION CARD

What Is It?

A permanent group reunion card is a printed card which is given to each Cursillista on the Cursillo weekend. This card is usually pocket-sized and is to be used as a guide during permanent group reunion.

Key Components

The group reunion cards **must** include:

1. Prayer to the Holy Spirit

There are two versions of this prayer. Either may be used.

Version One: Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen
(Collect for the Day of Pentecost from the Book of Alternative Services, page 345)

Version Two: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen
(Adapted from the Sentence for the Day of Pentecost (BAS) and Psalm 104:30, combined with the Collect for Whitsunday, Book of Common Prayer, page 207)

2. Piety

This first section of the card helps the person to focus on personal piety and answer the question: "How have I tried to respond to the grace of God through the help which He provides?" The question "When did you feel most aware of Christ's presence?" **must** be included here.

3. Study

This section of the card allows the person to examine specific types of study which have been undertaken, and helps to answer the question "How has the grace of God transformed me through study?"

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4. Action

This third section of the card is meant to focus the person's attention on how personal apostolic action has been achieved, and **must** include the question " *What is **my** apostolic **plan** for this week?*"

Additional Optional Components

Although these are not necessary to include on a permanent group reunion card, some may be helpful to Cursillistas, and might be considered.

1. Additional opening prayer
2. Suggestion for additional prayer, reading, reflection, the Lord's Prayer
3. Scriptural quotes with each of Piety, Study, Action
4. Personal sentence of commitment
5. Closing Prayer
6. The Grace

Many group reunion cards include the local diocesan Cursillo logo, as a means of further identification.

Sample Permanent Group Reunion Card

On the following page is a **sample** format for a permanent group reunion card which can be used either in its entirety, or as a model for a diocesan movement's card. It is developed as a tri-fold card.

Further Reading

NEC Library:


Group Reunion

The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement

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SIDE ONE

<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSING PRAYERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For those in the group undergoing trials • For matters expressed during the reunion. • Thanksgiving for blessings received. <p>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">OPENING PRAYERS</p> <p>In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen</p> <p>Our Father...</p>
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SIDE TWO

<p style="text-align: center;">PIETY</p> <p><i>Without me, you can do nothing. (John 15:5)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How have I tried to respond to the grace of God through the helps He provides? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate worship • Sacraments • Examination of conscience • Spiritual Direction • Private prayer, meditation • Informal moments of prayer • Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit • Visit to church • Retreat, quiet day • Prayer group • Group Reunion • Family prayer 2. When, last week, was I most aware of the Lord's presence? 	<p style="text-align: center;">STUDY</p> <p><i>Do your best to present yourself to God... rightly handling the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How has the grace of God transformed me through study? Specifically through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family life • Politics and civic affairs • Parish activity • Situation at work, school, etc. • Other Environments • Devotional reading • Theological Study • Personal Bible reading and study • Group Bible study • Other study groups • Books and periodicals • Radio, TV programs • Theatre, school or college course • Spiritual journal • Other educational materials 	<p style="text-align: center;">ACTION</p> <p><i>The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve. (Matt. 20:28)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What have I done this week to extend the Kingdom of God? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In my family • In my profession • In my environment(s) • In my parish • As a Group Reunion 2. What success did I have? How am I encouraged by this? What failure did I have and what did I learn from this? 3. Did I accept the unexpected demands of the week as opportunities for apostolic service? 4. What is my apostolic plan for this next week?
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