



Information for Candidate WHAT IS CURSILLO?

Cursillo is a Christian movement recognized by the Roman Catholic Church (and which has subsequently spread to several other Christian churches). It began in Spain in 1949 and was started by Bishop Juan Hervas and Dr. Eduardo Boninn.

Its name comes from the Spanish word “Cursillo”, which means “small course.” The original, full name is “Cursillos de Cristiandad”, meaning “short course in Christianity.”

However, it is neither a theoretical course nor a traditional retreat; it is best described as an experience. It is an experience which leads to discovering a better life and what is fundamental in Christianity.

During the three days of the weekend, participants have a deep and profound experience of Christian life:

- ***We get to know ourselves better (encounter self).***
- ***We experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ (encounter with Jesus).***
- ***We see the goodness that can be provided by a loving and caring Christian Community (encounter with others).***

The three day weekend helps you experience your Catholic faith more fully. You are motivated to engage in a spiritual life filled with joy, laughter and enthusiasm; and to discover an enhanced relationship with God. Discussions, led by a team of Catholic lay people and spiritual advisors, will emphasize:

- ***The meaning of Grace and the Sacraments***
- ***The need for prayer and ways of living life in union with God***

The whole point of the Cursillo movement is that ordinary people can steadily grow in the love and service of God and man for the rest of their lives. The Cursillo weekend can represent the first essential step along the way or perhaps deepen your current Spiritual Life. Christian growth is a life-long process, and Cursillo provides a framework for it, both during the three days and afterwards in the Post-Cursillo, where emphasis is on maintaining a vibrant and growing Christian community from which springs the apostolic action required to make ours a better world in which to live.

Cursillo awakens a consciousness of power and the mission to become a leader in the work of Christian renewal, with the support of Christian community.

If you have any questions or comments, please talk with your sponsor.



Kalamazoo Cursillo Candidate Application

Name _____ Nickname _____ Sex _____ Birth Date _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Occupation _____ Emergency Contact/phone _____

Are you a practicing Catholic? Yes No If yes, which Parish _____

Parish City _____ Pastor's Name _____

Specific health problems or dietary needs that would require special attention during the weekend _____

Organizations and activities you are currently involved in (Church, civic, professional, volunteer _____

Hobbies or interests _____ Marital Status (S) (M) (D) (W) _____

Spouse's Name _____

Is your spouse Catholic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has spouse made a Cursillo?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has your sponsor explained: Group Reunion	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has your sponsor explained: Ultreya?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has your sponsor explained: School of Leaders?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Why are you interested in making a Cursillo Weekend? _____

I understand that the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is to promote the creation of core groups of Christians who are committed to changing their environments by living the message of the Gospel; that the weekend is a "short course" in Christianity and that my commitment to Group Reunion and Ultreya can assist me in bringing Christ to the world in which I live, work and play.

Cost? The cost for the weekend is approximately \$150 per participant which includes 3 nights lodging, meals and materials. We hope that everyone will understand "cost" should not prohibit anyone from participating in the Cursillo 3-day weekend. An opportunity to donate will be provided...we simply ask that you pay what you can, if you can, when you can. This allows us to stay sustainable and continue to offer Cursillo. We believe in the Cursillo message and feel we must continue to share with all who are open to hear it.

I have read the above statements and answered all questions honestly and completely as possible.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Address _____