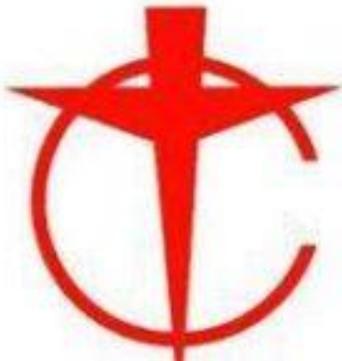


# *The Catholic Cursillo*



*What does it offer?*

*A method to seek and  
develop:*

*Christian Spirituality*

*Christian Mentality*

*Christian Community*

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**[www.knoxvillecursillo.org](http://www.knoxvillecursillo.org)**

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*Thanks so much for your interest in the Cursillo Movement. A Cursillo weekend is the beginning of a spiritual journey, an opportunity to slow down from your busy life and to allow the Holy Spirit to touch you in a deep and meaningful way. However, what happens after the weekend is when the real benefits begin! You will learn how to enhance your spiritual life in ways that bring you closer to our good and gracious Lord, by applying specific methods to bring spiritual renewal to all your environments. This weekend encounter with Christ provides you with a deeper understanding of what it means to be a friend of Christ, and, also, to bring your friends to know him. Experiencing a three-day Cursillo weekend affords you the possibility of profound spiritual change, and it just might transform the way that you live life as a Catholic. Take a step out in faith—come and live the Cursillo weekend. May I extend to you the greeting of our Movement:*

*De Colores!*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Deacon Bill Jacobs  
Knoxville Cursillo Spiritual Advisor*

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## Cursillos In Christianity

In today's world can Christianity penetrate the many areas of secular life? Can it live there? Can it grow there? Can it transform the world in a way that is more fruitful than the past and in keeping with the times?

The Cursillo Movement thinks so.

It proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived, and shared in any area of human life, where there are Christians willing to dedicate their lives to Christ in an ongoing manner. The method is introduced on a Cursillo weekend.

### The Three Days

Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word meaning "little" or "short course." It begins on a Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday evening. During the three days, those attending live, pray, work together and listen to talks by priest, religious and laity. Each talk is followed by a small group style discussion period.

The basis atmosphere of Cursillo differs greatly from the solitude of an individual retreat. Community, and personal sharing is built-in throughout the weekend in a spirit of joy.

## The Fourth Day

The "after" activity of the Cursillo is known as the "Fourth Day." During this time perseverance is important, just as it is in any method of renewal. Three means of perseverance are encouraged in your Fourth Day. Reunions of small groups of friends are formed in order to encourage one another in spiritual improvement and Christian apostolate. The "Ultreya," a Spanish word meaning "Onward," is a reunion of the larger Cursillo community. Lastly, the School of Leaders is a reunion of Cursillistas that reinforces, enhances and enlarges the learning of the Cursillo weekend. Through all these ways, one is exposed to the spiritual growth, example and leadership of other Cursillistas in the community.

### Pope Paul VI

In 1963, the Holy Father, Pope Paul the VI appointed St. Paul as the official Patron of the Cursillo Movement. On that occasion he said:

*"This method of Christian teaching, commonly called Cursillos in Christianity, extends already over a great number of faithful and has produced abundant fruit; Christian renewal of the family life, visualization of parishes, faithful observance of duties, in private, as well as public. All this has filled the Bishops and other Shepherds of souls with the greatest satisfaction."*

## Finding Cursillo Members

Cursillo members, also known as Cursillistas, can be found throughout most of the parishes in the Knoxville diocese. Asking your parish priest is a good place to start. Checking the parish bulletins or watching the bulletin board for scheduled Cursillo Group Reunions and Ultreyas are excellent ways to discover the Cursillo Community. The Chancery office will have the Cursillo Lay Directors contact information as well. The Catholic Cursillo – Diocese of Knoxville can be found on the web at [www.knoxvillecursillo.org](http://www.knoxvillecursillo.org).

### An Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend any of the Cursillo gatherings. Ultreyas are held in each of the geographic regions of the diocese on various nights of the month. We welcome all inquiries.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you to a Cursillo member, possibly a three-day weekend and, finally, a lifelong commitment to Christ's service in whatever environment you happen to live.

Christ is counting on you!

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