

## **Cursillo de Cursillos**

### **Opportunities & Benefits**

Eduardo Bonnín, Founder of Cursillo, traveled the five continents to spread Cursillo world-wide. During his travels, Eduardo was confirming that Cursillo was starting to show some misguided interpretations of the original ideas. Eduardo thought he had to do something so that such interpretations would not become irreversible deviations. He felt there was a need to design something for leaders and potential leaders of the Cursillo Movement. Therefore, *“In Eduardo’s ‘lab of ideas’, he and some friends prepared the initial outlines for the Cursillo de Cursillos”*. The first Cursillo de Cursillos was held in Spain in 1957.

Simply stated, Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC) is a *course* about the Foundational Charism of Cursillo. The CDC has provided Cursillistas with a treasure of knowledge and a living experience of what is essential in the mentality, essence, purpose, and method of the Movement. The CDC is offered to those Cursillistas who have the desire *to be* effective Christian leaders in the world. It has provided many Cursillistas with an opportunity to discover the immense possibilities that Cursillo offers the person, the Church and the world.

Cursillo de Cursillos has helped many Cursillistas delve into the foundational elements of the Movement in light of its Charism. This course uses a schedule and format like the Three Day Cursillo. The course begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday. A total of 13 Rollos and 4 Meditations are presented by a team of laity and clergy. Each Rollo presented is followed by a dialogue within each table group. Sufficient time is allotted for questions and answers at the end of each Rollo. Each day creates a different environment through the participation of the Cursillistas in friendship. The weekend provides a relaxing atmosphere with plenty of time for breaks, reflection, personal contact, and daily Eucharist. Besides an increased knowledge of the Charism of Cursillo, the participants have enjoyed the opportunity to strengthen and renew friendships, make new friends, share and learn from one another personal experiences in discipleship and leadership. Cursillistas have enjoyed the opportunity to nurture and deepen the three essential encounters with self, Christ, and others that were discovered during the Three Day Cursillo. Like the Three Day Cursillo, the CDC must be lived and experienced to take advantage of its opportunities and benefits.

Cursillistas have responded enthusiastically to the truth and simplicity of Cursillo and through God’s grace, they are inspired to return to their School of Leaders, Ultreyas, and environments to live, witness, and communicate the Good News that God in Christ loves us. This inspiration or response is evident in the Cursillistas as they listen, reflect, share, and freely embrace the true Charism of Cursillo!

Cursillo de Cursillos is the most effective course available for Cursillistas wanting to learn about the Foundational Charism. The Secretariats in the dioceses of the 12 regions in the United States are encouraged to contact their respective Regional Coordinator to provide a Cursillo de Cursillos for their community. The goal of Cursillo is to communicate God’s love through friendship in the moveable square meter where God has placed us at this exact moment. Make the decision today to attend a Cursillo de Cursillos and allow the Charism of Cursillo to form you, inform you, and transform you. Christ is still counting on you!

In Friendship!

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