



## What is Cursillo?

The word, CURSILLO (pronounced KUR-SEE-YO) comes from the Spanish and means “a short course” – that is, a course such as one would run in a race. Loosely translated, Cursillo is a “short course in living with Jesus.”

Cursillo is a movement with its own method, that makes it possible to live what is fundamental in order to create nuclei of seekers who all engage in leavening their environments with the Gospel, helping to discover and achieve their personal vocation with respect to the same.

This definition tells us two things: First, that Cursillo is intended to help seekers learn and live what is fundamental. And, secondly, having done that, to help these same seekers discover and live out a personal vocation. Another, familiar way to express the same two-fold idea is that Cursillo is intended to make saints and apostles. Saints are people who know God, who know God’s love & grace, and who have a mission to share that same knowledge with others.

Still another way to put the purpose of Cursillo is in the phrase: “For us . . . for others.” That is, it captures the Old Testament sense of the call of Abraham, *“I will bless you . . . so that you will be a blessing. (Gen. 12:2)”* All people ARE blessed by God, although most may be only faintly aware of just HOW blessed. And yet, this blessing is for a purpose – not just to be received – “for us” – but to be handed on – “for others.”



## WELCOME TO CURSILLO!!!

This application information should be of help to you in preparing to attend your Cursillo Weekend. **This page and the previous one contain information you may keep** for your reference. The following pages, however, are your actual application that should be filled out and returned to your sponsor.

### Do You:

- **Have a readiness to search for and understand the Gospel of Jesus?**
  - **Have a desire to understand better what it means to live like Jesus?**
  - **Have a desire to understand better what it means to live a life of love as Jesus taught?**
  - **Have a desire to gain wisdom from living the life as Jesus taught?**
- **Have a readiness to become more active in the renewal of Jesus's Church?**
- **Realize that the weekend is focused on spiritual growth?**

Cursillo is an experience involving persons coming together to celebrate the Gospel message of Jesus in today's world. The focus is on Jesus and one's relationship with Him, with oneself and with others. Cursillo is a very rewarding experience; it can also be demanding. Cursillo is intended to be an individual, personal experience; however, many couples have also found the weekend is especially meaningful when it is shared.

The minimum age for persons making a Cursillo is twenty-one (21).

Cursillo provides an opportunity to share in the creative process of growing in faith, love, and hope and to discover a deeper experience and understanding of the Good News. A Cursillo weekend is three days in length, Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. Your attendance is required for the entire weekend.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR CURSILLO WEEKEND:

- ❖ **Fill out the attached Cursillo Weekend Application Form and return all the forms to your sponsor.**  
**Your sponsor will have your faith leader, if applicable, complete the Faith Leader's Form, and will complete their Lay Sponsor's Form, and return all copies to the Pre-Cursillo Chair at the address listed on the Lay Sponsor's Form.**
- ❖ **Applications for couples should be mailed in TOGETHER.**
- ❖ **This is only an application to attend a Cursillo Weekend. When accepted, you will be sent a letter of confirmation along with additional information you might need.**



CURSILLO WEEKEND APPLICATION  
Cursillo Community of Eastern Oregon

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

By what name would you like to be called? \_\_\_\_\_

Medical, Allergy or Dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Optional: One does not need to be part of a religious community to become a Cursillista.  
I choose not to provide this information. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Faith Tradition \_\_\_\_\_ \*Faith Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Church: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Church Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND YOUR  
\$15 REGISTRATION FEE TO YOUR SPONSOR



CURSILLO LAY SPONSOR'S FORM  
Cursillo Community of Eastern Oregon

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your candidate actively involved in his/her faith tradition?  Yes  No

If yes, in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Why would you like your candidate to attend Cursillo? \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you known this candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your candidate have any issues/concerns the Rector/Rectora should be aware of?

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**HOW TO PROCESS APPLICATION:**

1. Have your candidate complete the application and return it to you.
2. Have the Faith Leaders return the form to candidate's sponsor.
3. Complete your Sponsor Form and forward ALL THREE forms **and the \$15 registration fee** to the Pre-Cursillo Chair;

Please send to:

Sandy Holtz, Pre-Cursillo Chair

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**FAITH LEADER'S FORM**

**Optional**

To be completed by the applicant's faith leader, and then returned to the Lay Sponsor listed below.

Cursillo is an experience of persons coming together to celebrate the Gospel message of Jesus in today's world. The focus is on Jesus and one's relationship with Him, oneself and with others. Although immensely rewarding, a Cursillo weekend can be a very demanding experience. Cursillo is not intended to provide treatment for emotional problems or marital difficulties. Those who may be experiencing a personal crisis should not make a Cursillo until the difficulty is resolved.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel this applicant might have difficulties at a Cursillo weekend?

No     Yes    Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

We invite you to make any comments that may be helpful to the Team or Sacramentalists about the above candidate.

Have you made a Cursillo? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, would you like more information? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to:**

Name (Sponsor): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Sandy Holtz  
Pre-Cursillo Chair

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