

# Los Angeles Archdiocese - English Cursillo Application

Please print clearly, submit applications as soon as possible – space is limited

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred name on name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism  First Communion  Are you able to receive sacraments: yes  no

Marital Status: Single  Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed  Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

If Married: Catholic Church  Civil  Your Spouse name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your spouse attended a Cursillo: yes / no If yes, when \_\_\_\_\_ If no, scheduled to attend: yes / no

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background: High School  College  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain any condition that would require special attention such as diet, medication or physical handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had a nervous breakdown? YES  NO  If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency, please notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your sponsor answered all your questions and been available in your preparation for Cursillo? YES  NO

Please state why you wish to attend Cursillo \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTANCE**

ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE DONE THROUGH YOUR SPONSOR

A non-refundable \$20.00 reservation fee is due with your application.

The total cost is \$120.00, this helps defray the cost of the weekend.

The remaining \$100.00 donation will be due at registration.

\*\*\*\*\* **THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR SPONSOR** \*\*\*\*\*

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Date of your Cursillo \_\_\_\_\_ Have you attended a Post-Cursillo? \_\_\_\_\_

How regularly do you group? \_\_\_\_\_ Please give some endorsement of candidate \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail application to:** LA English Cursillo in Christianity – Application c/o Dolores Gamez

P.O. BOX 90454, City of Industry, Ca 91715 or E-mail to: [LAprecurisillo@gmail.com](mailto:LAprecurisillo@gmail.com)

For Questions concerning the Cursillo Application, please call Dolores at (562) 400-6714

\*\*\*\*\* **FOR PRE-CURSILLO COMMITTEE USE** \*\*\*\*\*

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Left Message: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation emailed: Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Dropped: \_\_\_\_\_

Re-Scheduled: \_\_\_\_\_ Check/Credit/Debit/Cash Rcv'd: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Cursillos in Christianity**

Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word meaning "short course". It begins on a Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. During those three days the Cursillistas (those attending the weekend) live and work together, listening to talks given by priests and laypeople. They also attend Mass, receive Communion and visit the Blessed Sacrament daily.

The priest, who is the "spiritual director" and the laity who make up the Cursillo "team" spend weeks working and praying together in preparation for the weekend. The Cursillo takes careful planning because the time is short and the subject extensive. The titles of the talks indicate their content: Ideal, Sanctifying Grace, Laypeople in the Church, Actual Grace, Piety, Study, The Sacraments, Action, Obstacles to Grace, Leaders, Study of the Environment, Life in Grace, Community in Action and Perseverance.

### **Not A Retreat**

A Cursillo can be made only once in a lifetime, therefore it is not a substitute for a retreat. Actually the Cursillo makes succeeding retreats more profitable and Cursillistas are encouraged to make regular retreats. The basic atmosphere of a Cursillo differs greatly from the individual solitude of a retreat. The Cursillo weekend is not silent. The teachings of Christ are experienced and shared in a climate of joy and a spirit of community. During the talks the Cursillistas take notes and each talk is followed by a discussion period within a small group.

## **Instrument of Renewal**

The Cursillo is a powerful instrument of renewal in the Church. Its aim is to concentrate closely on the Person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Cursillo gives those who attend a living understanding of basic Christian truths and a desire to serve the Church. What's more it provides a means to continue the Christian formation which is just begun in the three-day weekend.

### **The Fourth Day**

The "after" activity of the Cursillo is known as the "fourth day", that is the balance of the Cursillista's life on earth. During this time perseverance is important just as in any method of renewal. In the Cursillo Movement the community spirit is continued after the three days through the "ultreyas" or reunions of the community. These are available as a means of growth in understanding and zeal within the Christian community. Smaller groups of friends also come together regularly to encourage and support one another in spiritual growth and the Christian apostolate.

### **History of Cursillo**

The movement began in 1944 on the island of Majorca, birthplace of Father Junipero Serra. Under leadership of a Spanish layman, Eduardo Bonnín, a group of some 30 priests and laymen met to organize some means of countering immorality and indifference to religion. The Bishop of Majorca, Juan Hervas, suggested the program that was finally developed carefully into the Cursillo.

The first Cursillo took place in the United States in 1957. It was

originated by two Spanish Air Force pilots who were training with the U.S. Air Force in Texas.

## **The Church and Cursillo**

The Cursillo movement was given Church approval in December 1963. On that occasion, Pope Paul VI said in part: "This method of Christian teaching commonly called Cursillos in Christianity extends already over a great number of the faithful and it has produced abundant fruit: Christian renewal of family life...and the vitalization of parishes."

In March of 1971, after making his Cursillo weekend, then Archbishop Timothy Manning was quoted in the Tidings as saying, "From my experience I must say this has my 100% plus...not only approval but enthusiasm."

## **Christianizing Environments**

The Cursillo is an encounter with Christ. Correctly applied and overseen the Cursillo Movement can have very positive results in the spiritual revitalization of the world. The Christ-likeness in a few people is contagious. The transference of Christ's values to others in one's family, school, place of business, etc., is the Christianizing of environments the Cursillo promotes. The goal of the movement is that Christ be the prime influence in society. So it is said the PRIMARY OBJECTIVES of the Cursillo Movement are to develop in adult Christians a consciousness of their ability and mission to become leaders in the work of Christian renewal, and to sustain them as they provide a Christian leaven in civic, social and economic life. This "Christianizing of environments" is what the Cursillo movement is about.