



**Make a Friend,  
Be a Friend,  
Bring a Friend to Christ . . .**

### Anglican Cursillo In Christianity

Cursillo is a renewal movement within the Episcopal Church. Cursillo offers the individual the opportunity to deepen their personal relationship with Christ in a joyful and loving Christian atmosphere, and provides the individual with the means to maintain that close relationship throughout their life. It also helps to develop more dedicated and involved Christian leaders and workers. The full title of Cursillo is "Cursillo de Christianidad", which means a "little course in Christian living."

Cursillo is not a secret society. It is a loving community of Christian believers who celebrate the joy of Christian life. The Spanish terms and phrases have been kept from the original Cursillos in Spain because, as an international movement with millions of members of six continents, it provides a way of talking to one another about Cursillo. Why are those who have been to a Cursillo so enthusiastic about it? Because they have experienced the fullness of Christian living and joy in a concentrated weekend.

The three day Cursillo weekend itself brings together Christians looking for a new dimension in their Christianity. It is a time to take another look at their relationship with God, to take another look at who the person of Jesus Christ is in their lives, and to grow in the midst of a loving Christian community.

The basic atmosphere of a Cursillo is one of joy and Christian fellowship. It is a three day experience that can be made only once in a lifetime. Cursillo is simply a restating of things you have heard and talked about for years...grace, the sacraments, piety, personal growth, and love. There are talks by laypersons and clergy. These are followed by small group discussions of the talks, plenty of worship and lots of good fellowship.

You will find Cursillo does not solve problems, it's not a magical weekend that does away with strife and worries. It does give you a new dimension to take home with you, and that is a renewed relationship with your heavenly Father. It is a joyful experience that gives time and direction towards furthering your own commitment and relationship to God.

Worship, of course, is the built-in backbone of the Cursillo format. Each day begins and ends with morning and evening prayer as well as a daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Cursillos are full of joyful music and worship.

Do you remember how you felt when you realized how much your sponsor must have cared for you to ask you to attend a Cursillo weekend? Are there special people you would like to share Cursillo with? If you think Cursillo could be an enriching experience for you in your personal life and your personal walk with Christ, contact the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest (325-677-2091) or Don Bridges (325-698-7411) or Connie Hilliard (325-695-5973).

