

Cursillo helps us to...

- Grow into a deeper relationship with God through the person of Jesus Christ.
- Discover our vocation and develop our individual gifts for Christian service and leadership.
- Become more effective witnesses to Christ in our lives.
- Bring about and strengthen Christian commitment within a community of faith.
- Build up the witness of the Church in the world, that both may be renewed and transformed.

The Cursillo method is built on three fundamental principles - piety (prayer), study and action - all of which are explored in detail on the weekend and which inform our activity afterwards.

What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is a weekend event during which Christians explore their faith in all its dimensions in a prayerful and supportive environment. The name comes from Spanish - a 'short course' - and is pronounced 'kur-see-yo' for this reason.

Cursillo is also a way of life, something that might begin months or years before a person's attendance at the weekend and in which they may be involved for the rest of their life. It's led jointly by lay and ordained Christians.

For more information, visit the Ely Cursillo website: www.elycursillo.co.uk



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THE CURSILLO GROUP REUNION

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who has taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Group Reunion
Time of prayer for situations that have been mentioned, actions to take, and each other.

Finish with

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all the benefits you have given us: you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Share something of what has happened in your life as a Christian since you last met.

Each person takes a turn to speak, but it is always acceptable to pass if you'd rather. The rest of the group remains silent.

Piety

What has brought you closer to Christ?

Think about: personal or group prayer; meditation or reflection; a sacrament; corporate worship; retreat; spiritual direction, etc.

Action

Where have you been able to work for the coming of God's Kingdom?

At home? At work? In the community? Within your church or Cursillo?

What plans can you make to take action - alone or together? How can you pray for each other?

Study

What has helped you understand more of God?

It might have been:
Scripture reading; theological or other books; nature; art or music; video or film; lecture or sermon, etc.

