

How do you go about applying?

Talk to someone who is already involved with Cursillo and who may be willing to sponsor you. Speak to your Rector about it. If you don't know anyone who has been to Cursillo, contact a member of Secretariat (names and phone numbers are elsewhere in this brochure).

The Three Days can be a demanding and a very rewarding experience that can have a significant impact on your life, yet is also a lot of fun.

However Cursillo is not intended to provide treatment for personal problems or marital difficulties. Those who may be experiencing an emotional crisis should perhaps delay attending until these difficulties have been resolved.

Where can you get an Application Form?

Contact either the person who gave you this brochure, your Rector, your local Cursillo community, or a member of Secretariat listed on the back of this brochure.

Your Parish contact person is:

Where do I send my Application?

Give the form back to your sponsor. Your sponsor can answer any questions you may have and may also help you in filling out your section of the Application Form.

Your sponsor and your Rector must both complete and sign their sections of the Application Form.



Cursillo is a wonderful experience of loving Christian community.

I went to a Cursillo weekend in 1984. As a bishop I have now met with hundreds and hundreds of people who have experienced Cursillo, and inevitably they speak of a new-found joy and

exhilaration at being an Anglican Christian.

I thoroughly recommend Cursillo to you. I am very pleased that Cursillo is an integral part of the life of the Diocese of Newcastle. I am hopeful that people who have been to Cursillo will be at the forefront of mission and ministry in the Diocese of Newcastle.

Grace and peace to you,

+ Brian Newcastle

Bishop Brian Farran



What is Cursillo?

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What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is a worldwide movement of the Christian Church which seeks to make it possible to live out what is fundamental to being a Christian.

‘Cursillo’ is a Spanish word meaning ‘short course’. In this case it is a short course in Christian living. As a movement, it had its origin on the island of Majorca, Spain, in the late 1940s, as a means for reviving Christian commitment in the Roman Catholic Church. Its methods have been adapted by a number of denominations throughout the world.

Who may take part?

The Cursillo Three Days is open to all practising Anglicans through a sponsorship program.

Separate weekends are held for men and women, as it has been found that people are less inhibited in ‘same sex’ groups.

What can you expect?

- A shared experience within a small group in a unique Christian community.
- A way of spiritual renewal through teaching, sacraments, devotions and ministry, in an atmosphere of fellowship and trust.
- There is nothing dull about Cursillo! It is a joyous workshop in the fundamentals of our wonderful Christian faith. The talks and discussions are interspersed with prayer, Eucharists, singing, times of reflection and times of fun & laughter.
- The Cursillo method does not finish with the Three Days - the success of the movement is due to the continuing support system in which small groups meet regularly to pray for and encourage one another.

The typical Cursillo Three Days is attended by about 40 people. This includes both the ‘candidates’ and the serving ‘team’.

The ‘candidates’ are people from all walks of life. Many are eager for the experience, while others are initially just curious. Some, perhaps, are even apprehensive. Cursillo tries to meet each individual’s needs during the Three Days.

The ‘team’ are Christians who have already experienced a Cursillo ‘Three Days’ who will share with you through talks, discussion, music and worship and prayer.

Some of the topics covered by the talks are Grace, Faith, Holiness, Ideals, Sacraments, The Lay Person as the Church in the World, Christian Community in Action, Leaders, The Christian Life, and Obstacles to Living the Christian Life.

What will you be doing on the Three Days?

- Listening to talks and taking part in discussions in a small group setting
- Reflecting on values and goals as a Christian
- Communicating with God in prayer, both with the entire community and privately.
- Celebrating Christianity in joyful word and song.
- Experiencing in many different ways genuine Christian love and community.
- Encouragement to express Christian values in the world.

What is expected of me?

- To be open and willing to respond to what you experience, to share your feelings with others.
- To make a genuine effort to discover where you are and where you can grow.
- To feel secure in the knowledge that you are accepted as you are and where you are.

What about worship?

Meditations, the Eucharist and times of devotion are an integral part of the Three Days

How much does the Three Days cost?

The cost of the Cursillo Three Days includes all accommodation and meals. Costs vary according to venue and are listed on the Application Form. Your sponsor will give you full details.

Financial assistance is available if necessary.

Why do I need a sponsor?

Your sponsor provides encouragement and assistance in practical matters such as travel arrangements and other needs as they may arise.

Your Sponsor has the responsibility for ensuring that after you have experienced a Cursillo Three Days you will have ongoing support of a small group - a group in which you feel comfortable and accepted.