

Cursillo Report 2013

Cursillo emerged as a laity-led movement in the 1940s. Spanish shorthand for “a short course on Christian living,” Cursillo comprises a three-day weekend of music, meditation, and a series of talks on subjects such as prayer, study, and Christian community action. Hundreds of groups on six continents regularly sponsor Cursillo weekends under the auspices of numerous Christian denominations.

In the past year 168 candidates have experienced Cursillo on weekends sponsored by the three Secretariats affiliated with the Diocese of California. These include:

- San Francisco/San Mateo — 92 pilgrims
- Marin — 50 pilgrims
- East Bay Anglican and Spanish-speaking — 26 pilgrims

Cursillo makes no attempt to convert non-believers. Baptized Christians who are mature and secure in their faith will benefit from Cursillo in that they find a safe and loving environment in which to explore what paths they individually might pursue to deepen their spiritual journey and strengthen their personal involvement in the life of the church.

Cursillo does not “cure” people who are in need of counseling or who have recently suffered a traumatic life event or a crisis in faith.

Cursillo does not substitute for church; after the three-day weekend participants are expected to return to their faith community on the “Fourth Day” (i.e., the rest of their life) with a stronger commitment for active personal involvement.

Clergy throughout the diocese can help spread the Cursillo movement. Oftentimes priests and deacons are in the best position to identify good potential candidates. The three secretariats are developing an outreach program to forge closer working relationships with the clergy at each church. Clergy who have not experienced Cursillo themselves are enthusiastically encouraged to do so.

Several Cursillo weekends are scheduled in the coming months. They include:

- February 6-9, 2014 (men’s)
- February 20-23, 2014 (women’s)
- March 13-16, 2014 (men’s)
- March 27-30, 2014 (women’s)

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