

From Fr. David

The Cursillo Movement

Our spirituality and faith are meant to be grown and shared with each other. In addition to our Eucharistic and program experiences in our parish for worship and other focused spiritual events, Cursillo is well organized planned gathering of people (couples and individuals) that can draw a spiritual community closer together and with God. I encourage all of us to consider this opportunity to part of this spiritual experience and movement. The youth equivalent to Cursillo is "Happening". Happening draws, for the same reasons as Cursillo does for adults, youth together to enrich their spiritual experiences together with other youth in the Episcopal Tradition. There are members of Resurrection who are Cursillistas, who have participated in the Cursillo weekends and prayed for other going through the Cursillo programs. I commend to you this opportunity to learn more about your faith in fellowship. Please consider participating in the next program this coming September.

What is Cursillo?

- An opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality
- A deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how we can serve Him.
- An experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community and realizing that this can be extended into our own environment
- A continuing community that gives support and encouragement to help Christians carry out their Baptismal Vows. *The key elements of the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry are relationship, evangelism, and reconciliation in the home, the parish, the community, and the world.*

The Episcopal Cursillo Weekend:

Cursillo includes a time to experience living in a supportive Christian community through the Episcopal Cursillo Weekend. Across the country, diocese offer Weekends following a three-day schedule that begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday. Some diocese offer Weekends following a shorter schedule that begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday. ALL Weekends include fifteen talks, five meditations and a Eucharist every day.

The Episcopal Cursillo Weekend is not a retreat. It is an opportunity to meet clergy and laity seeking to strengthen our faith. It provides an environment to experience the reality of the gift of God's love through shared prayer, individual meditation, worship, study, fellowship, laughter, tears, and unconditional love.

After the Weekend:

Each person returning from a Weekend is encouraged to actively participate in the Jesus Movement. This time after the Weekend is known as the "Fourth Day" and extends for the rest of their lives. Through the Cursillo community, there are ongoing means to support Christian living and ministry.

What's expected of participants?

- To be open and willing to respond to what you experience, to share your feelings with others, and allow them to share theirs with you.

- To make a genuine effort to discover where you are and where or how you can grow in your Christian life.
- To feel secure in the knowledge that you are accepted where you are and as you are, and to know that a specific response is not expected of you.

What is the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry?

The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry, through the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Committee, guides the work of Episcopal Diocesan Cursillo ministries in the USA and other locations.

See the following videos about Episcopal Cursillo: [Tennessee's Servant Community video](#)
[Georgia's How Cursillo Strengthens Your Faith](#) [Rebirth of Cursillo in Georgia Diocese of Texas](#)
Testimonials

THE NEXT CURSILLO WEEKEND FOR OUR AREA (WEST DIOCESE OF MO AND THE DIOCESE OF KS) IS SEPTEMBER 20TH THROUGH THE 23RD at the Presbyterian retreat center in Parkville, MO.

More information to include registration will be out soon and I will be posting it in the church. I will be promoting this wonderful experience, AND personally also plan to attend this Cursillo event in September.

Please pray about this for yourself and know it can be an incredible fellowship event in your life.

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