

CURSILLO had its origin within the Roman Catholic Church in Majorca, Spain in 1949. The first **EPISCOPAL CURSILLO** in Oregon was held in the spring of 1976. The movement, sponsored by the Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, is primarily a lay movement which is directed by the Cursillo Board, an elected group of lay persons and clergy.



CURSILLO OFFERS:

- An opportunity for Christian growth.
- An experience of Christian community.
- A means of renewal within the Church.
- A way to help bring the Church to those in the world around us.
- A focus on responsibility and mission beyond Cursillo.

WHO WILL BE AT CURSILLO?

- *People like yourself*, who are curious, searching and growing.
- *Team*: A group of lay persons who will lead, speak, pray, cook, set tables and generally help and *serve you in any way possible during the weekend*.
- *Spiritual Directors*: Two or three clergy who serve as part of the team.

TALKS...

Talks are given by team members and spiritual directors to bring new insights that help us understand and love our Christian faith. Discussion groups follow each talk.

WORSHIP:

There will be many different forms of worship used during the weekend, daily Eucharist, morning and evening prayers, silent time for meditation, and others.

MUSIC:

Lots of opportunity for singing throughout the weekend.



APPROACHING CURSILLO:

- Be curious.
- Be open to what happens.
- Be honest with yourself as to where you are in your pilgrimage.
- Know that a specific response is not expected of you.
- Allow others to respond in their way and yourself in yours.

SPECIFICS:

There are two types of Cursillo Weekends:

- a) Co-ed Cursillos
- b) Separate Cursillos for men and women

Usual Age Limits: 21 or over

Time: Generally, Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon.

APPLICATIONS:

- a) Cursillo is a very demanding but rewarding experience. It is in no way intended to provide treatment for personal problems or marriage difficulties. Those who may be experiencing extreme emotional crises should not make a Cursillo until these difficulties have been resolved.
- b) Cursillo is an experience that is intended to be shared. For this reason, husbands and wives are encouraged to fill out applications and send them in together.
- c) Apply early. Preparations for you must be made well in advance of the weekend.
- d) Please be patient. It takes time to process the applications.

COST:

A \$10 registration fee should accompany your application. There is no set fee for Cursillos. Yours has been paid for by those preceding you. There will be an opportunity to donate as you wish to support future Cursillos. The average expense for the weekend is a minimum of \$50 each.

SPONSOR:

Someone who has made a Cursillo should sponsor you and sign your application. It is preferable that a friend sponsor you however, if you need a sponsor, contact someone from your local area listed on the reverse side.