

in your Christian ministry in whatever sphere you believe you are called to serve; within your parish and the wider community.

The "4th Day"

The real focus of the three days of a Cursillo is on the "Fourth Day" - the rest of your life.

Cursillo does not exist for itself. It is a lay movement (not an organisation) of the church that equips and inspires people to be active apostles for Christ.



Anglican Cursillo Movement

Diocese of Perth

The Anglican Cursillo Movement was introduced to the Diocese of Perth in September 1992, when a team of nearly 40 people from the Brisbane diocese travelled to Perth at their own expense and, during the course of one month, ran four 3-day Cursillos at Wollaston College, Mount Claremont.

There are now over 2,000 people from parishes in the Anglican Province of Western Australia who have attended Cursillo.

The Anglican Cursillo Movement operates in Perth, under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop.



What is Imago?

Imago is a short course in Christian living for Years 10-12 Secondary School. Half of the team is made up of young people.

Imago commences at 5pm. On the final day it finishes at approximately 2pm, when parents are invited to come and share afternoon tea.

During the three days there are crafts, games, and other activities, which revolve around becoming a sharing, caring community.



Imago is held at Freeway Conference Centre, Fifty Road, Baldivis.

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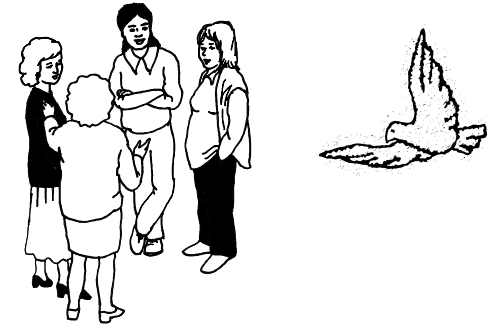
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*Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you . . .*



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What is Cursillo?

Cursillo may be a little like many other things you may have known - and yet it is different - Cursillo needs to be experienced to be understood., it is for the faithful. It is not intended as a means to bring newcomers into the faith. Both partners in a relationship are encouraged to make their Cursillo. The Cursillo experience needs to be shared.

Cursillo began in Spain in the Roman Catholic Church in the early 1940s. From Spain it travelled to the USA where it was held in Spanish in 1957, later being done in English. The Episcopal Church took it on in the mid 1970s, along with the Anglican Church in Canada.

The Canadians brought Cursillo to the Anglican Diocese of Canberra/Goulburn in 1979. From there it has continued to spread through Dioceses in Australia and New Zealand.

Cursillo was introduced to Perth by the Diocese of Brisbane in 1992.



Terms

“Cursillo” is a Spanish word meaning ‘a short course’ in Christian living - an experience of living in a Christian Community.

“Cursillistas” are people who have attended a Cursillo and can share with you some of their own unique Cursillo experiences; but your experience will also be unique. The most common way to get to a Cursillo is to be

“sponsored” by a Cursillista or your rector.

Your “sponsor” can answer any questions you may have and will facilitate your travel to the Cursillo. Your “sponsor” will also provide support for as long as you want it after the Cursillo.



The 3-Day Cursillo

Arrival time for Cursillo is between 5:00 and 5:45 pm. If at all possible, your sponsor will take you there and introduce you to the Lay Director for the weekend. You will be accompanied to your room and invited to join in pre-dinner drinks. You will find yourself in the company of up to 25 others like yourself, together with 15 or 16 lay and 3 ordained people, who will be your hosts for the Cursillo.

The first evening ...

You may use the first evening to wind down; to relax and begin to feel at home; to be introduced to others; to learn a little more about Cursillo and to finish the evening with a couple of meditations, in the chapel and, finally, to retire in silence until breakfast. This is the only time of silence during the Cursillo.

Each day ...

Each day begins with Morning Prayer, followed by breakfast. Then, in a casual and relaxed atmosphere, a succession of talks will be presented by your hosts, each followed by discussions and creative activities, accompanied by music and singing, fun and laughter and seriousness. There will be some time for relaxation, conversation, private prayer and reflection. However, it is a very full programme. Eucharist is celebrated each afternoon.

... little that is new ...

You may not hear anything new - the talks are not intended to “teach”; you don’t have to agree with everything you hear and there are no tests of knowledge or understanding. However, the talks will carry the authenticity and endorsement of the presenters’ personal experience.

Community ...

As the Cursillo progresses, you will be able to explore, in the company of a small group of your fellow participants, themes developed in the talks and meditations - of ideals; of personal prayer and meditation; of study and of action.



You will experience the encouragement, endorsement, affirmation and support of your little community and you will be eager to continue to follow this simple method when you return to your normal life.

There is an atmosphere of joy, with Eucharists, singing, laughter, tears, times of silence and reflection, talks and discussions, and creative activities interspersed with prayer

... and after the Cursillo ...

You will return to your family and community, enriched and encouraged by your experience, knowing more fully the love and support which will sustain you for the rest of your life.

You will be encouraged to join a small group of Cursillistas, who meet together regularly for prayer, mutual support, encouragement and affirmation. This will encourage you to persevere