

## *What is Cursillo?*

Cursillo needs to be experienced to be understood; it is for the faithful and is not intended to be a means to bring newcomers to the faith.

It is a lay movement of the church that equips and inspires people to be active apostles for Christ. Teams usually include three ordained people.

Cursillo began in Spain in the Roman Catholic Church in the early 1940s. From there it spread to the USA and Canada and from Canada to Australia in 1979.

## *Diocese of Perth*

Cursillo was introduced to the Diocese of Perth in 1992 by a team from the Brisbane Diocese and there are now over 2 000 people from parishes in the Western Australia who have attended Cursillo.

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



## *Terms*

‘**Cursillo**’ is a Spanish word meaning a short course’ in Christian living.

‘Cursillistas’ are people who have attended a Cursillo. The most common way to get to a Cursillo is to be ‘sponsored’ by a Cursillista or your rector. Your sponsor can answer your questions, take you to Cursillo and provide support for you after your Cursillo.

## *The three day Cursillo*

You need to arrive at Cursillo between 5.00 pm and 5.30 pm’ After you have settled into your room you join the team members and other participants for a pre-dinner drink.

## *The first evening*

The first evening is a time to wind down, meet others and learn a little more about Cursillo. You finish the evening with meditation in the chapel then retire in silence until breakfast. This is the only time of silence during Cursillo.

## *Each day*

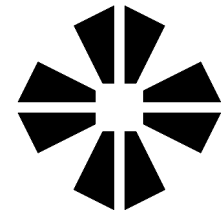
Each day begins with Morning Prayer, followed by breakfast. The days are filled with talks, discussion, creative activities, music, fun and seriousness, relaxation, conversation, private prayer and refectio. Eucharist is celebrated each afternoon.

## *The talks*

The talks are not intended to ‘teach’ and you don’t have to agree with everything you hear. However, the talks do include the experiences of the speaker.

## *Community*

As the Cursillo progresses you will experience the encouragement, affirmation and support of your fellow participants.

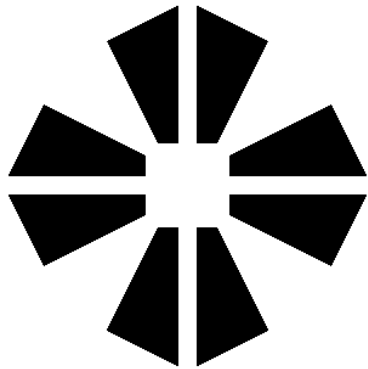


## *After Cursillo – the fourth day*

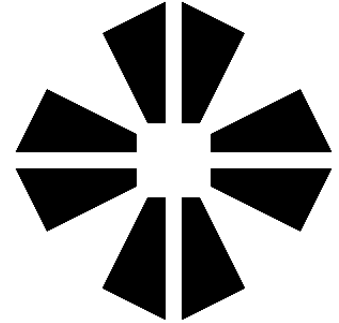
The real focus of the three days of a Cursillo is on the 'Fourth day' – the rest of your life.

You will return to your family and community, enriched and encouraged by your experience, having experienced the love of God through others.

You will be encouraged to join a small group of Cursillistas, who meet together regularly for prayer, support and encouragement.



## *What is Cursillo?*



*Will you let me be your servant?*

*Let me be as Christ to you.....*

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