

our story

Cursillo provides:

- A 3 Day live-in short course in Christian living for those who are 18+
- Ongoing support and encouragement for personal growth in Faith
- A challenge to live an active Christian life, wherever you may find yourself

walk with us

Become part of this amazing movement!

- Want more information?
- Want to attend a Cursillo Gathering?
- Want to attend a 3 Day Cursillo?

Then speak to

- Your parish clergy,
- Your Cursillo Parish Contact or
- Contact a member of Secretariat

Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend gently to Jesus

a word from bishop peter

When I came to the Diocese in 2009 I experienced a vibrancy and passion for Christian Ministry among those who had made their Cursillo.

With a very active lay leadership, Cursillo assists people to deepen their faith and express it in practical ways.

The Cursillo Weekend is both demanding and a blessing. People who participate find themselves enriched and encouraged through this carefully designed learning model. For many it is life changing.

I invite people to think about making their Cursillo as I did in 2009.

Grace and peace,
+ Peter



Visit www.cursillonewcastle.org.au
for more information



WHAT IS

Cursillo?



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It is a movement of the church that helps to equip and inspire Christians to be active apostles for Christ.

Cursillo needs to be experienced to be fully understood.

Cursillo began in Spain in the 1940's. From there it spread to the USA and Canada and from Canada to Australia in 1979. It was introduced to the Diocese of Newcastle in 1990. Since then over 2000 people from parishes throughout the Diocese have attended a 3 Day Cursillo. This short course in Christian living is for those who are aged 18 and older.

some terms

Because of its Spanish origin the Cursillo Movement retains the use of a few Spanish terms.

Cursillo - "a short course" in Christian living

Cursillista - someone who has attended a 3 Day Cursillo

De Colores - "of the colours" - a greeting meaning "May all the colours of God's love be with you"

Ultreya—"Onward!" - keep on going!

sponsorship

The way to attend a Cursillo 3 Days is to be "sponsored" by a Cursillista. Your sponsor can answer any questions you may have. It is a sponsor's responsibility to transport you to and from the Cursillo and to provide help and support to you and your family if necessary while you are away and after the Cursillo.

a three day cursillo

Sponsors take participants to the venue around 5-5.30pm. There is time to settle in before pre-dinner drinks with team members and other participants. The first evening is a time for introductions, a time to wind down and a time to learn a little more about Cursillo. The evening closes with a meditation in the chapel followed by silent reflection until breakfast.

Each day begins with Morning Prayer before breakfast. The days are filled with talks, small group discussions, singing, fun, seriousness, creative activities, relaxation, conversation, private prayer and reflection. A Eucharist is celebrated each day.

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

Men and women generally attend separate Cursillos—but more recently we have been holding side-by-side Cursillos where Men's and Women's 3 Days are held at the same venue on the same dates but are still run separately.



after the three day cursillo

The real focus of the 3 Day Cursillo is the 4th Day - the rest of your life. Most return to their family and community inspired and encouraged by the experience of God's love in rich Christian community. Many are filled with a sense of joy and hope.

New Cursillistas are encouraged to join a small group of Christian friends who meet together regularly for prayer, support and encouragement. These small group meetings are usually called Group Reunion.

Larger gatherings, either parish- or deanery-based, are also held monthly, less frequently in more remote areas. Once a year there is a Diocesan gathering of hundreds of Cursillistas travelling from all parts of the Diocese for a day of fellowship and worship. These gatherings are called Ultreyas and are a form of encouragement which are open to all—whether a person has been to a Cursillo 3 days or not.

As Jesus said to John's Disciples... "COME AND SEE..."

