

Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Cursillo®

A short course in Christian Living: Three days of worship, workshops and fellowship

Who may attend?

Cursillo is intended for Episcopal adults: men and women, single or married, lay or clergy. Husbands and wives may make their Cursillo together or separately. Participants must be at least 21 years old.

Special considerations: The Cursillo schedule is quite full. Although rest periods are provided, candidates need to be both physically and emotionally healthy. People who have recently experienced divorce, separation, bereavement, serious illness or emotional or psychological instability may not be ready to attend. Please take this caution to heart. It may be better to wait for another time rather than to rush the experience.

What can I expect?

You and other persons attending are people from all walks of life. Many are eager for an enriching experience. Others are curious. Some may even be apprehensive. On a Cursillo weekend you may expect:

- An experience shared within a small, closely knit group formed as you meet your fellow Cursillistas (what one who participates in Cursillo is called) in Christian community.
- A way of spiritual growth through a new approach to teachings, sacraments, devotions and ministry.
- Realization that as individuals we are far from finished products, but that we have God's assurance of power to work toward perfection.
- A more precise focus on our responsibilities and mission in our Christian walk—beyond the 3-day weekend.
- A continuing Christian support system to nurture one another as we work to renew all things through Christ.

What will I be doing?

- listening to talks and participating in discussions
- reflecting on values and goals as a Christian
- communing with God in prayer, both privately and with the entire community
- celebrating Christianity in joyful liturgies and song
- experiencing Christian love and genuine Christian community in many different ways

What should I bring?

Bring comfortable clothes, appropriate to the weather, your personal toiletries, and whatever medication you may take regularly. A Bible and your journal are optional. Everything else will be provided for you.

What is expected of me?

Just be open and willing to respond to what you experience. Make a genuine effort to discover where you are and where you can grow in your Christian life. Know that you are accepted where you are and as you are and then be curious enough to commit a weekend of your life totally to growing closer to Jesus Christ.

What is the cost for the weekend?

The total cost for the weekend is **\$160**, payable to **PA Cursillo**. The total can be submitted with this application, or a \$50 registration fee can be paid with the balance of \$110 on the weekend. **All accommodations are double occupancy**. If financial assistance is needed, please contact your sponsor.

Please speak with your sponsor for more information on Cursillo!

You can also visit our website: www.cursillodiopa.org

Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania - Cursillo Application
Candidate and Clergy Information

Candidate Information:

Name:	Nickname (if any):	
Street Address:		
City, State, ZIP		
Phone:	Additional phone:	
Email:		
Date of Birth:	Gender:	Marital Status:
Home Parish:		
Why do you wish to attend a Cursillo Weekend?		
Will your health and emotional condition sustain you through a rigorous weekend experience?		
Has your sponsor informed you about the Cursillo Method and Fourth Day activities?		
Special medical or dietary needs:		
Candidate's Signature:		

Clergy Endorsement:

Name:	
Parish:	
Street Address:	
City, State, ZIP:	
Phone (office):	Additional phone:
Email:	
How long have you known the Candidate?	
Is your candidate ready and able to participate on a Cursillo weekend?	
A clergy endorsement is an agreement with the sponsor's endorsement. It is also a pastoral opinion that the candidate is spiritually, physically, emotionally and psychologically able to meet the strenuous weekend schedule. Do you recommend this person?	
Clergy Signature:	

After completing this page, please return it to your sponsor.

Cursillo Sponsor Form- Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Sponsoring a candidate for Cursillo is both an opportunity and a responsibility!!

Be sure to familiarize yourself with the purpose and guidelines of Cursillo before processing this form. Visit our web site: www.cursillodiopa.org for more information.

Candidate Name _____

1. Have you explained the Cursillo Method and Fourth Day Activities to the candidate? _____

2. Does the candidate have any questions or concerns about Cursillo that you can't answer?

3. How long have you known this candidate? _____

4. Are there any special circumstances that might interfere with this candidate's complete involvement in the weekend? (e.g. emotional/personal/physical problems) _____

If yes, describe:

Sponsor Information:

Name:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	Email:
Sponsor's Weekend # and Diocese:	
Sponsor's Parish:	

I have prayed about this candidate for Cursillo. I understand the responsibilities of the sponsor and I pledge, with Christ's help, to do my best to meet these responsibilities. I have explained to my candidate about the 3-Day Weekend cost. **They are aware that if the full amount results in financial hardship, and the sponsor or the priest is unable to help, they can request scholarship information from the Pre-Cursillo Coordinator.**

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____

Please return **pages 2 & 3**, along with a check made payable to **PA Cursillo**. Please mail it to:

Barb Texter, 590 Paoli Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19128
215-482-5457

The total fee of **\$160** can be submitted with this application; or a \$50 registration fee can be paid now with the balance paid prior to the weekend.