

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