

## ***The Fourth Day!***

The days following a Cursillo weekend are called the “fourth day.” Providing “Cursillistas” (people who have made a weekend) with the tools to persevere in a life of personal holiness and commitment to Christ is what the “fourth day” is all about.

It is difficult to grow spiritually in isolation from other Christians. Our faith comes alive and endures only with the support and encouragement of others. You will be given an opportunity to form or join small groups, usually about 6-8 people, known as “fourth day groups” who typically meet once a week for prayer and scripture study. The community spirit is also continued through the “Ultreya” monthly reunion of the larger local Cursillo community.

It is through these small Christian communities that we are empowered to more fully live our Christian faith in our families, our parish communities, our places of work and neighborhoods, and in all the environments in which we find ourselves.



*It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit . . . John 15:16*

## **Cursillo**

All team members and candidates are Catholic.

## **Catholic Tradition**

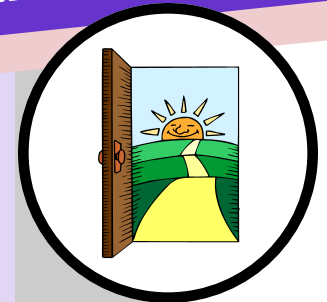
All weekends follow Roman Catholic traditions and teachings.

## **Cost Involved**

Your sponsor should pay your application fee. During the weekend, you will be invited to make a free-will offering to cover the costs of the weekend. No one is refused the opportunity to make a weekend regardless of ability to contribute financially.

## **Cursillo**

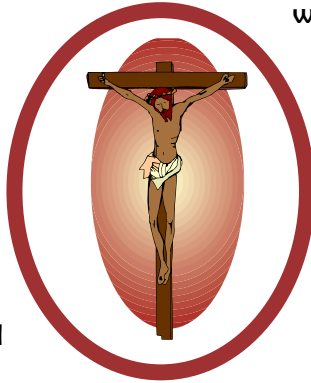
***Wondering about Cursillo?  
Contemplating a way to deepen your spirituality?***



**Interested?  
Look inside to learn more . . .**

## *So, you are thinking about Cursillo?*

Great! Those who have experienced a Cursillo weekend say it is a wonderful way to meet Christ in a new perspective, to find that Christ loves you, and discover the mission that Christ has for you. You will meet new friends with whom you will share deep bonds of faith. A Cursillo is not the only way to begin or renew your friendship with Christ, but many have found it to be very helpful.



retreat and is instead a shared experience with a Christian community you will form with other lay adult Christians for three days. Separate weekends are held for men and women, but the weekends follow the same format. Cursillo weekends celebrate the sacraments and liturgy of the Catholic Church. The purpose of Cursillo is to foster in adult Christians a consciousness of their power and mission to become leaders in the work of Jesus Christ.

A Cursillo weekend is not a retreat. It differs from the individual solitude of a

A Cursillo weekend for many is a new awakening to a deeper friendship with Christ. It

won't magically solve the problems of your life. No one will try to convert you. You are free to make up your own mind about what is presented. You may have been approached by someone who has asked you to consider attending a Cursillo weekend and would like to assist (or sponsor) you to attend. Talk to your sponsor or your parish priest if you have more questions.

Millions of people worldwide have found a Cursillo weekend a new beginning in their lives. Perhaps you will too. You just have to go and see for yourself!

## *What happens during a Cursillo weekend?*

Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word meaning a “little” course. The “Cursillo de Cristiandad” (Spanish for a short course in Christianity) began in Spain in the 1940s and is now found worldwide, even here in Montana.

It begins on a Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday about midday. You will listen to a series of talks and have an opportunity to discuss and reflect on the message of the talks in a small group.

Chances are, the topics of these talks will not be new but you may find yourself hearing them in fresh, new ways. The joyous thing is that ordinary lay men or women give the talks and, in doing so, share how the things they will speak of

relate to their lives and to the everyday lives of Christian lay people everywhere – people like you!

You will spend the three days with about 20-30 other lay men or women living in Christian community. All your meals will be provided. Accommodations for any special needs you may have will be made. The Cursillo weekend is a perfect opportunity to relax, to get away from daily distractions, enjoy the fellowship of other Christians, and listen to and reflect on how God is calling you.

Sound exciting? We think so, and we are sure you will find it to be one of the best three days you have ever had. If you are interested, please see the next panel for further information.

### *Want to learn more?*

#### **For more information, contact:**

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