

Cursillo in Christianity

What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is simply a renewal movement which trains and supports its members to live out their lives with prayer, study and action. We support this with regular small group meetings and then larger group gatherings. Our goal is simply to help others and ourselves become better children of God today than we were yesterday.

A three-day Cursillo weekend is there to help people on their spiritual journey. It is an invitation to enrich the relationship with God, through Christ within the framework of a Christian community . If you find people reluctant to talk about their weekend, its mainly because it's just hard to express, you really do have to experience it for yourself. It mostly just has to deal with where you are on your spiritual journey as to what you take from the weekend but know you will take something home.

Re-cap of 2010

As with most non-profit organizations, this has been a difficult year. We still held our Spring and Fall weekends at the Trinity Center. Connie Whitney from New Bern and Chuck Harell from Wilmington were the respective Lay Rectors, both doing an outstanding job leading our Pilgrims and Team members, our thanks go out to both.

As we have reconized that the economy has played a large part on our weekends, we have had to make adjustments to host a different size group yet keep the structure of the weekends in place. Yes, this has been a trying year but the page has turned on 2010, our finances have improved thanks to many kind and generous Cursillistas and we look for 2011 with great anticipation.

As we enter 2011 we also welcome new faces in new places on our Secretariat staff with Gay Stuart, Jean Hislop coming on. Richard Peterson has taken on a larger role in the data base / applications area and Christy Wineholt will be taking over for me as Lay Director in June. I thank all of these and the entire Secretariat for their time and talents this past year, you all have done a yomans job for the Cursillo community.

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ

Each Cursillo has a common thread, 15 talks, 5 mediations and Eucharist every day. It is a means to help people on their journey, nothing more. Cursillo of Eastern North Carolina has seen over 2500 people attend a weekend, and it is arguably the single largest evangelism tool in our parish's. So, if you have always wondered about it, or cannot understand why some of your church members come back so inspired (sometimes maybe a little to much, we are working on that), please consider joining us on a weekend, your journey will better for it.

We can be reached at our website, cursilloec.com

Respectfully,

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