



CURSILLO IN CHRISTIANITY

Diocese of Monterey

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PASTORAL PLAN

FOR THE

CURSILLO MOVEMENT

OF THE

DIOCESE OF MONTEREY

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Precursillo Purpose

1. To target environments
2. To select candidates
3. To sponsor
4. To prepare candidates
5. To train Cursillistas in all aspects of Precursillo

Precursillo Objectives

1. To target environments
 - A. To study Diocesan environments in accordance with our current *Leader's Manual*, page 179:
 - the agricultural environment
 - the academic community
 - the medical profession
 - the military environment
 - the prison environment
 - B. Identify cursillistas in each of these environments initially within one year of adoption of this plan by the Secretariat and then ongoing.
 - C. Contact the cursillistas identified in 1B and encourage them to utilize the Cursillo method to Christianize the environment.
2. To select candidates:
 - A. To identify the influential people by those identified in 1B within each selected environment.
 - B. To insure that all candidates satisfy the basic requirements to participate in the 3-day Cursillo weekend.
3. To sponsor:
 - A. To support each candidate following the process described in the National Cursillo Movement's *Sponsors' Booklet*.
 - B. To insure that all sponsors have and read the National Cursillo Movement's *Sponsors' Booklet* before submitting a candidate's application.
 - The Secretariat will maintain a stock of *Sponsors' Booklet* to give to the Precursillo Committee to give to sponsors that need them.
 - C. To insure all sponsors receive training to gain a firm foundation in the purpose of sponsoring, what the Cursillo movement is/is not, and the goal of the movement.
 - (1) The Secretariat will establish a deadline for candidate applications sufficiently in advance to ensure adequate preparation of sponsors and candidates.
 - (2) The Precursillo committee will make personal contact with sponsors prior to the 3 day weekend.

(3) Sponsors will be an active member of a Friendship/Environment Group Reunion and will actively participate in Ultreyas. The sponsor will introduce his/her candidate to the Movement through participation in Reunions and Ultreyas.

4. To prepare candidates:

A. To provide personal contact to each candidate from:

- (1) Sponsors
- (2) Parish leaders
- (3) Cursillo leaders

B. To insure that all candidates have and read *The Cursillo Movement – What Is It?* The Secretariat will maintain a stock of these booklets for the Precursillo Committee to distribute to candidates and sponsors that need them.

C. To insure all candidates have a firm understanding of the purpose and goal of the movement, what the weekend involves, and, most important, what is involved in the Postcursillo.

- Parish representatives and the Precursillo committee will have personal contact through informal interviews with the candidates prior to the acceptance of their applications.

5. To conduct periodic training on Precursillo that covers selection and preparation of candidates and sponsor training.

The Three-Day Cursillo Weekend Purpose

1. To continue the education and training of the candidates in order for them to become evangelizers.
2. To provide each person with the tools necessary to bring about the renewal of mind and spirit.
3. To help people to discover and fulfill their personal vocations.
4. To provide a transition from the Pre-Cursillo to the Post-Cursillo.

The Three-Day Cursillo Weekend Objectives

1. To provide an atmosphere that is conducive to the “metanoia” experience necessary to develop Christian evangelizers, utilizing the “3-Day Manual” and other current cursillo literature.
2. To provide each individual with the tools and the method to fulfill their baptismal responsibilities as well as an opportunity to fulfill their role as laity set forth by Vatican II and to share an awareness of a personal relationship with Christ.
3. To further enhance the candidates understanding and application of Post-Cursillo tools of Group Reunion and Ultreya. This will assist them in the Christian transformation of their environments.
4. To conduct 3-Day Cursillo Weekends in accordance with the “National Policy For Cursillo Movements In The United States of America.” Specifically:
 - a. Short-range goal:
 - (1) Bring the schedule for Sunday into compliance with the “3-Day Manual” and remove serenading from all three days of the schedule.
 - (2) In moving toward the ideal of talks being given by School of Leaders members, consideration will be given to School of Leaders members on the team first, then other team members as needed.
 - b. Medium-range goal: Bring the schedule for Saturday into compliance with the “3-Day Manual.”
 - c. Long-range goals:
 - (1) Prohibit non-Catholic spouses of Catholic candidates from attending the 3-Day Weekend.
 - (2) Bring the team of leaders for the 3-Day Weekend into compliance with the Cursillo literature, e.g., “The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement,” paragraph 295, “...every leader should be given adequate *long-term formation* in the School of Leaders.”

Postcursillo Purpose

1. To renew, accelerate and continue the conversion of each individual who has experienced the 3-Days.
2. To help Cursillistas be the Church.
3. To provide a spiritual community through friendship in Christ.

Postcursillo Objectives

1. To bring about the Christian transformation of each cursillista's environments using the method of the Tripod (Holiness, Formation, and Evangelization).
2. To provide each cursillistas with a means of ongoing support and perseverance.
3. To conduct frequent Ultreyas in all regions/Deaneries of the Diocese of Monterey.
 - A. Set up permanent locations, times, and days for monthly Ultreyas in each of the deaneries.
 - B. Once the permanent locations have been established, utilize the deanery and parish representatives to help with the Ultreya in their respective deanery.
4. To host an annual Cursillo Leaders Workshop (CLW I or II, as needed).
5. To present several of the following one-day workshops annually: Precursillo Workshop, Postcursillo Workshop, Commitment Workshop, Cursillo Evangelization Workshop, and Pastoral Planning Workshop.
6. To maintain communications with cursillistas through a variety of media, including periodic newsletters, e-mail, and an Internet website.
7. To motivate and assist new cursillistas in joining a friendship group.
8. To hold a retreat for all cursillistas as a means of renewal in the movement.

School of Leaders

Purpose

1. To maintain the effectiveness of the Cursillo Movement (*Fundamental Ideas # 527*).
2. To provide ongoing education, training and spiritual growth for the leaders of the Cursillo Movement.
3. To intensify the living of what is fundamental to being a Christian – in each one of its members, in the Movement as a whole, and in the environments where the members live and work and have leadership influence (*Fundamental Ideas #563*).

School of Leaders

Objectives

1. To provide a gathering of Christians who have set out in search of holiness and who are finding their way by following and imitating their one and only Teacher: Christ (*Fundamental Ideas #534*).
2. To provide a community of Christians who, united in the atmosphere of a Group Reunion, seek every day to become more centered, more committed, and more united (*Fundamental Ideas #540*).
3. To provide a response to “*the call to growth and a continual process of maturation, of always bearing much fruit*” (*Christifideles Laici #57*).
4. To increase the participation in the School of Leaders through personal contact and inviting new cursillistas from recent 3-Day Weekends to participate.

Having reviewed the final draft of this Pastoral Plan, the below signed members of the Monterey Diocese Secretariat do hereby agree to adopt this Pastoral Plan. Adopted April 6, 2005.

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