

## DEFINITION OF CURSILLO

Cursillo is a movement of the Anglican Church under the oversight of the Diocesan Bishop. The goal of Cursillo is to help the Church in its mission to bring all the world and the whole of life under the Lordship of Christ. Its method aims to empower Christians through their participation in a Three-Day course which provides the vision and offers them an on-going process for achieving this goal.

Cursillo equips Christians to live out their baptismal calling to serve Christ in the world.

*It is possible to encounter God in many ways other than Cursillo. Encountering God is easy. It is following Christ afterwards that is the challenge.*

*Will you accept this challenge and join others who desire to make a difference for Christ in whatever situation they find themselves – at church, at work, in social situations or within their family?*

*Cursillo equips all Christians to face the challenge of what it means to be disciples in a world that today is often opposed to Christianity and its message.*

### Linking with Cursillo ...

[www.cursillo.org.nz/wellington/](http://www.cursillo.org.nz/wellington/)

- for what's happening in the Wellington Diocese

[www.cursillo.org.nz](http://www.cursillo.org.nz)

- for Cursillo Movement information



## Wellington Anglican Cursillo



## What is Cursillo?

## The beginning of a journey to ...

### Know God



### Relationship

Know  
the holiness  
of God

### Grow in God



### Study

Grow  
your  
understanding  
in God

### Go in God



### Action

Go  
and make  
disciples

## Cursillo is ...

- a Spanish word which means ‘short course’. Cursillo is a short course in Christian living. “Live-in” Cursillo courses are held during the year in the Diocese of Wellington, and these may include Cursillos just for men, just for women, or for both men and women together – usually called “Combined”.
- a time of opening ourselves to the grace and love of God by hearing talks, engaging in discussion, prayer and worship, with music and singing and laughter, along with periods of reflection, silence and creative expression.
- a world-wide movement seeking in its own unique way to share over three very special and spiritually invigorating days the experience of living in a Christian community.
- a time for listening and sharing ideas with fellow Christians who encounter the same struggles in following Christ.
- a once-only three-day workshop (not a retreat) to deepen and nourish our faith by exploring the essential aspects of Christian belief within the context of a joyful and supportive fellowship.
- a means of helping us to review the relationship between what we profess and how we live, launching us back into our church, home, social and work-place environments to make a difference with Christ.

## Cursillo is an experience in Christian living ...

- that over three days can be like a new beginning or a restoring point where we regain our enthusiasm for the Christian journey.
- allowing us to look closely at our world-view and to see what it means to be a disciple of Christ today.
- providing a crucible out of which simple and effective Christian influences on our communities can emerge.
- expressed in a ministry of lay people to lay people with the support and encouragement of the clergy and guided by the precepts of Scripture within the ethos of the Anglican church.

## Cursillo offers us ways to live as Christians in our normal day-to-day situations through ...

- small ‘group reunions’ which meet regularly, providing mutual support and spiritual accountability.
- regular gatherings drawing together all Cursillistas (those who have been to a Three-Day Cursillo) throughout the diocese for fellowship and encouragement.
- opportunities to take part as team members on future Cursillos offering personal development.
- information and opportunities to deepen understanding of the Cursillo movement.

## To become a pilgrim on a Three-Day Cursillo, you ...

- have a desire to strengthen and extend your discipleship.
- are baptized and over twenty years of age.
- have a Kaitautoko (support person) who has already attended a Three-Day Cursillo. Your Kaitautoko will explain the purpose of Cursillo, help you to complete the application process, and support you through your Cursillo journey.
- have your application endorsed by your vicar/priest-in-charge, or by the Bishop if you are clergy.

## What does a Three-Day Cursillo cost?

The total costs of a Three-Day Cursillo, including accommodation, meals and materials, have been funded by donations from past pilgrims. You will be invited to make a financial gifting to make places available on the next Three-Day Cursillo for future pilgrims. As a guide, you will be told the cost per person of your own Three-Day Cursillo. No-one is ever denied the opportunity to attend because of lack of finance.

*The purpose of Cursillo is to strengthen and encourage us as disciples of Christ, equipping us to become purposeful Christians in God’s world, helping us to engage more deeply in the ministry and mission of the Church.*