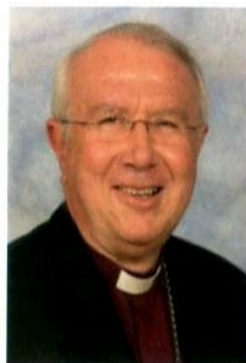


## Cursillo

### A brief summary

Cursillo provides

- \* a 3 Day live-in short course in Christian living for those who are 18+.
- \* on-going support and encouragement for personal growth in Faith.
- \* a challenge to live an active Christian life, wherever you may find yourself.



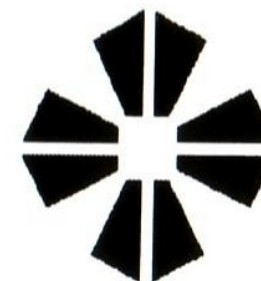
*Cursillo is a wonderful experience of loving Christian community. I went to a Cursillo weekend in 1984. As a bishop I have now met with hundreds and hundreds of people who have experienced Cursillo, and inevitably they speak of a new-found joy and exhilaration at being an Anglican Christian.*

*I thoroughly recommend Cursillo to you. I am very pleased that Cursillo is an integral part of the life of the Diocese of Newcastle. I am hopeful that people who have been to Cursillo will be at the forefront of mission and ministry in the Diocese of Newcastle. Grace and peace to you.*

*Bishop Brian Farran*



What is  
**Cursillo®?**



### Interested?

Become part of this amazing movement!

- \* want more information?
- \* want to attend a Cursillo Gathering?
- \* want to attend a 3 Day Cursillo?

### Then speak to

- ◆ your Parish Priest,
- ◆ your Cursillo Parish Contact or
- ◆ contact a member of Secretariat.  
(see insert for contact details)

◆ Visit our website  
[www.angdon.com/cursillo](http://www.angdon.com/cursillo)



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## What is Cursillo?

It is a movement of the church that helps to equip and inspire Christians to be active apostles for Christ.

Cursillo needs to be experienced to be fully understood.

Cursillo began in Spain in the 1940's. From there it spread to the USA and Canada and from Canada to Australia in 1979. It was introduced to the Diocese of Newcastle in 1990. Since then over 2000 people from parishes throughout the Diocese have attended a 3 Day Cursillo. This short course in Christian living is for those who are aged 18 and older.

## Some Terms

Because of its Spanish origin the Cursillo Movement retains the use of a few Spanish terms.

**Cursillo** - 'a short course' in Christian living.

**Cursillista** - someone who has attended a 3 Day Cursillo.

**De Colores** - 'of the colours' - a greeting meaning 'May all the colours of God's love be with you'.

## Sponsorship

The way to attend a Cursillo 3 Days is to be 'sponsored' by a Cursillista. Your sponsor can answer any questions you may have. It is a sponsor's responsibility to transport you to and from the Cursillo and to provide help and support to you and your family if necessary while you are away and after the Cursillo.

## A 3 Day Cursillo

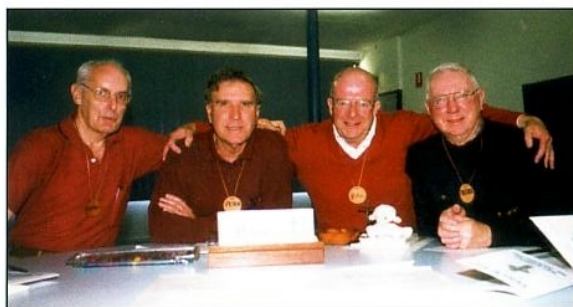
Sponsors take participants to the venue around 5.00 - 5.30pm. There is time to settle in before pre-dinner drinks with team members and other participants. The first evening is a time for introductions, a time to wind down and a time to learn a little more about Cursillo. The evening closes with a meditation in the chapel followed by silent reflection until breakfast.

Each day begins with Morning Prayer before breakfast. The days are filled with talks, small group discussions, singing, fun, seriousness, creative activities, relaxation, conversation, private prayer and reflection. A Eucharist is celebrated each day.



As the Cursillo progresses you will experience the encouragement, affirmation and support of your fellow participants.

Men and women attend separate Cursillos.



## After the 3 Day Cursillo

The real focus of the 3 Day Cursillo is the 4th Day - the rest of your life. Most return to their family and community inspired and encouraged by the experience of God's love in rich Christian community. Many are filled with a sense of joy and hope.

New Cursillistas are encouraged to join a small group of Christian friends who meet together regularly for prayer, support and encouragement. These small group meetings are usually called Group Reunion.

Larger gatherings, either parish or deanery based, are also held either monthly or less frequently in more remote areas. Once a year there is a Diocesan gathering when hundreds of Cursillistas travel from all parts of the Diocese for a day of fellowship and worship.

