

## ***"WHAT IS CURSILLO?"***



From the simple beginning of Cursillo among a handful of Catholic laymen in Spain in the 1940's, Cursillo has blossomed into a worldwide movement with centers found throughout the world! As of 1981, almost all of the 160 dioceses in the United States had introduced the Cursillo Movement. **As Pope Paul VI observed in a public address in 1966, "Cursillo, that is a word, purified through experience, affirmed by fruits, that today travels the world ..."**

**Explaining Cursillo is difficult because its workings are a wonderful mystery.** No one can explain fully how God touches each person in His special/unique way throughout the various elements of the Cursillo Movement. **Cursillo can assist each of us in developing a deeper understanding of what it means to be fully Catholic by being fully Christian.** In short, you are given the opportunity to get away for a weekend to strengthen your personal relationship with Christ and The Holy Spirit by way of the 3 pillars of Cursillo, **PRAYER, STUDY, and ACTION.**

**THE WEEKEND** - Logistically, you depart Thursday around dinner time, and return Sunday around dinner time. All transportation, food, and lodging is provided for.

During the weekend (which can only be made once in a lifetime as a participant) you will gain a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith while strengthening the personal relationship you have with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is time for personal prayer, group prayer, study (by way of topics presented by priests, deacons, and laypersons), and fellowship with men and women who are also invested in getting closer to Christ through PRAYER, STUDY, and ACTION!

**THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY** – After your weekend, you are given the opportunity to meet with fellow members of the Cursillo Community right here at St. Benedicts. Groups meet once a week to discuss their prayer, study, and life in our Catholic Faith. Once a month the larger Charleston Community meets for Ultreya, a reunion and dinner for all of the groups in our area.

Pope John Paul II summarized the Cursillo Movement: **"Your movement, devotes itself to drawing forth from Christians a commitment to live lives consistent with their faith whether individually or as a community – and to bring this ferment to the environments where you live."**

**"Throughout my many years as a priest and now as your Bishop, I have always supported and valued the Cursillo Movement in spreading the Kingdom of God in our parishes. I strongly encourage you to consider Cursillo to strengthen your walk with God in faith."** Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston

### **Upcoming Cursillo Weekends:**

***Men's Cursillo Weekend – August 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021***

***Women's Cursillo Weekends – September 23<sup>rd</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021***



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