



What is Cursillo? Cursillo is Spanish for “short course” in Christianity. It is a movement of the Holy Spirit for deepening our identity as Christians.

What is the Cursillo weekend format in the Owensboro Diocese?

The person making a Cursillo arrives at Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center, Maple Mount, with their sponsor/friend between 6:30-7:00 pm on Thursday evening and is assigned to a private room, if space allows. Each person is assigned to a small group of 3-4 and a group leader. There are team introductions, a short talk by the weekend leader, a prayer service in the chapel and then retreat silence.

On Friday through Sunday you hear 10 talks given by lay members of the team.

Ideal—The call to be fully human;

The Layperson in the Church—The layperson is called to be a living testimony of the Gospel in everyday life;

Piety—A way to holiness;

Study—To form oneself to live as a Christian;

Action—The expression of our desire to share God’s love in order to build the Kingdom of God;

Leaders—Those who influence the thoughts actions of others;

Study of Environment—For the purpose of bringing an environment to God;

Christianity in Action—Living testimony that shows that it is possible today to live as a Christian and impact the environment;

The Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo—Participate in Christ’s work using the way of

Christ that is carried forward past the Weekend;

Total Security—A means to grow, deepen and progress into a conversion process for the rest of their lives.

Five talks are given by ordained and religious spiritual advisors:

Habitual Grace—God’s desire to call us into a friendship with Him;

Actual Grace—Particular graces at a given moment in order to overcome obstacles;

Sacraments—How a person is empowered to respond to graces proper to one’s calling;

Obstacles to a Life of Grace—How to encounter the truth of Jesus that sets us free.

Life in Grace—A practical approach to living a virtuous life.

Small group discussions follow each talk.

The Weekend includes daily Mass, rosary, prayer services, Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Way of the Cross.

Meals are prepared by the Mount. The entire Weekend takes place in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

Cost is \$ 160. Financial help is available.

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