

Application Form

_____ Women's 3-Day Cursillo _____ Men's 3-Day Cursillo (check one)

Name _____ Date _____

What name would you like on your name tag? _____

Married? _____ yes _____ no If yes, Spouse's Name: _____

Will they be attending? _____ yes _____ no

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

If you have Special Needs (e.g. diet, bed, etc.) please indicate: _____

Are you baptized and a practicing Catholic or have a desire to become one? _____ yes _____ no

Your Parish _____

Sponsor's Name* _____

Registration Fee - **\$25**

**If you do not have a sponsor we will help you get one.*

Please give completed application and \$25 registration fee to your sponsor or mail to:
West River Cursillo Movement | PO Box 4072 | Rapid City, SD 57709

Upcoming Weekends

3-Day Cursillo Weekends

Men's – November 6-9, 2025
Women's – November 13-16, 2025

See Current Info on our website at
www.westrivercursillo.org

Registration is \$25.
Download forms from our website at
www.westrivercursillo.org/registration or
send us an email at
weekend@westrivercursillo.org



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The Cursillo Weekend

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The Cursillo Movement of the
Catholic Diocese of Rapid City

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The Three Days

A Cursillo weekend brings together a diverse group of Catholics to share the richness of many modes of worship and to broaden each one's appreciation for our church. Lay people conduct the weekend with two or three members of the clergy functioning as spiritual advisors. Cursillo presumes that those who attend are already well grounded in the faith. It is not intended to be a conversion experience but an enriching and deepening of what is already there. It often provides new insights into our faith as well as fostering ministry among lay people.

The weekend begins Thursday evening with meditations and prayer. Then blessed silence is kept until after worship on Friday morning. Following breakfast, participants are assigned to table groups for the weekend. The three days are filled with talks and group discussions with emphasis on the doctrine of Grace, the Sacraments, and the great Cursillo tripod: Piety, Study, and Action. Plus there is fellowship, singing, good food, and time for privacy, meditation, prayer, and walks. The Eucharist is celebrated each day.

History & Terms

The first Cursillos were developed in the Roman Catholic Church in Mallorca, Spain in the late 1940s. Under the leadership of their bishop, several laymen began to formulate a way to draw active laymen into the work of "Christianizing" the everyday life settings where they lived. Because of its Spanish heritage, the following are meanings of Spanish terms you may have or will hear.

Cursillo - (Kur-SEE-yo) An intensive three-day short course in Christianity.

Rollo - A short talk. There are 15 Rollos on the weekend, given by Lay and Clergy. The 15 Rollos form the message of the weekend.

Palanca - A word which means to lean or to be a lever. We use a lever to overcome resistance. Palanca is the prayer and sacrifice made on behalf of the new candidates on the weekend.

Ultreya - A word of encouragement and greeting meaning "onward" or keep going" on our Christian walk. It is also used to describe a larger meeting of prayer and worship for sharing and community support.

Weekend Talks

The weekend consists of 15 talks (Rollos) and five meditations. The focus and message of the weekend Rollos are:

Ideal - The need to have goals and objectives in life to be fully human.

Habitual Grace - The call to be a full Christian person and to have a personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ.

Lay person in the Church - The call to Christians to be active members of the People of God (The Church)

Actual Grace - The divine life is possible only through the gift of Actual Grace, which find in the Sacraments, our ongoing contact with God.

Piety - Living in union with Christ and to be in His presence.

Study - We need to grow in the life of faith. In study, we hear God's word speaking to us.

Sacraments - Encounters with Christ in the Church makes possible the fullness of a relationship with Christ.

Action - The ability to take Apostolic Action into the places we live our lives through the Cursillo method: "Make a friend; Be a friend; Bring a friend to Christ."

Obstacles to a life of Grace - We must be prepared for difficulties. This rollo shows us how we can overcome sin.

Leaders - A Christian leader is a servant leader who knows Christ, follows Him and centers his/her life upon Him.

Study of the Environment - Our goal is the transformation of our part of the world for Christ.

Life in Grace - a truly Christian life of piety, study and action fosters a love for Christ and our neighbors.

Christianity in Action - the plan on how to live your life of piety, study and action in the world and your environment.

The Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo

Contact with others can improve our spiritual life as well as improve theirs. Group Reunion is a small group of friends that meet regularly to keep each other accountable for their spiritual journey of piety, study and apostolic action.

Total Security - The Group Reunion as well as the Ultreya gives us the support we need as we continue the process of our own conversion in which we deepen our friendship with Christ, becoming more and more convinced of God's infinite love for us. We maintain these groups through honest sharing of our experiences of christian leadership. *We grow in faith together, and through this growth we become sanctified.*