



Cursillos in Christianity National Newsletter

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Friendship

Source: 1st Conversations of Cala Figuera, Foundation Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló (FEBA).¹

The revised translation of this book describes *Days of reflection on the Founding Charism of the Cursillo held in “The Porciúncula” in Palma de Mallorca on the 50th Anniversary of the First Cursillo Weekend held in Cala Figuera in Santanyi, on the Island of Mallorca, Spain in August 1944.*

The following outline is on the 4th topic, Friendship. There are 10 topics in the 1st Conversations of Cala Figuera revised translation. Cursillistas are encouraged to read this topic in its entirety at the Cursillo Resource Center. This is a great resource for study in the School of Leaders. You can purchase a copy of the revised translation at www.natl-cursillo.org.

- The most profound form of living together is friendship.
- To be a friend is to feel free and safe to think out loud.
- The relationship of friendship is the genuinely human and evangelical form of communication between men/women; it is communicating with the other as a person, not because of their specific qualities or social position, but simply because he/she was born and exists and because he/she is a person.
- Friendship can be summarized in this double affirmation: “I am glad that you exist”, “the world is more beautiful because you exist”. Friendship takes shape through a process.
- Friendship is what can produce the powerful energy that can move men and women to change reality. The Christian way is the simple and definitive joy of being friends with people close to you.
- If man has no one to support him, he has no stamina and becomes unbearable.
- To make friends is to see, to help people see, and manage to get them to become aware of what they are seeing. Cursillo is the vehicle for an experience of identity, a celebration of life and a tribute to friendship.
- The key lies in a friendly knowledge and acceptance of oneself as one is.
- Friendship is creative but is not an objective in itself, excluding its natural dynamism to generate more friendship.

2018 National Encounter

The 28th National Encounter will be held on August 16- 19, 2018 at Seattle University which is located 15 minutes from the Seattle-Tacoma International airport (SEA) in Seattle, WA.

The registration for the 28th National Encounter is now open! Please visit our National Cursillo website to register online or download all the forms at:

¹ <http://www.feba.info>

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/> (English)

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/espanol/inicio/> (Español)

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/tieng-viet/trang-nha/> (Vietnamese)

The registration fee is \$360 per person. If a language group can register at least 150 Cursillistas by April 30, they will get the simultaneous translation during the event.

There will be workshops in English, Spanish and Vietnamese on Saturday August 18. If a language group can register at least 50 Cursillistas by June 15, they can request their own workshop.

There are only 700 seats available. It's expected to be a fully-packed National Encounter at Seattle University. See you there – bring a friend!

Has Your Diocese Considered Sponsoring a Cursillo de Cursillos?

Cursillo de Cursillos, what is it? Simply stated, it is a course about the Foundational Charism of Cursillo for Cursillistas who are searching for something beyond the 3-Day Cursillo. To help Cursillistas with a thorough knowledge and experience of the Charism, a special course called Cursillo de Cursillos was developed by the Founder, Eduardo Bonnín.

Cursillo de Cursillos is a course that has provided Cursillistas with a treasure of knowledge and a living experience of what is essential in the mentality, purpose, and method of the Movement. The course is offered to those Cursillistas who have the desire to be effective Christian leaders. This course has provided many Cursillistas with an opportunity to discover the immense possibilities that Cursillo offers the person.

Cursillo de Cursillos has helped many Cursillistas delve into the foundational elements of the Movement in light of its Charism. This course uses a schedule and format similar to the 3-Day Cursillo. The course begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon. A total of 13 Rollos and 4 Meditations are presented by a team of laity and clergy. Each Rollo presented is followed by a dialogue within each table group. Sufficient time is allotted for questions and answers at the end of each Rollo. Each day creates a different environment in and through the participation of the Cursillistas in friendship. The weekend provides a relaxing atmosphere with plenty of time for breaks, reflection, personal contact, and daily Eucharist.

Besides an increased knowledge of the Charism of Cursillo, the participants have enjoyed the opportunity to strengthen and renew friendships, make new friends, share and learn from one another personal experiences in discipleship and leadership. Cursillistas have also enjoyed the opportunity to nurture and deepen the three essential encounters with self, Christ, and others that were discovered during the 3-Day Cursillo. Like the 3-Day Cursillo, the Cursillo de Cursillos is a lived experience in order to take advantage of its opportunities and benefits.

Cursillistas have responded enthusiastically to the truth and simplicity of Cursillo in light of its Charism and through God's grace, they are inspired to return to their School of Leaders, the Ultreya, and environments to live, witness, and communicate the Good News that God loves us.

This inspiration or response is evident in the Cursillistas as they listen, reflect, share, and freely embrace the true Charism of Cursillo!

Cursillo de Cursillos is available for Cursillistas wanting to learn about the Foundational Charism. The Secretariats in the dioceses of the 12 regions in the United States are encouraged to contact their respective Regional Coordinator to provide a Cursillo de Cursillos for their community. The goal of Cursillo is to communicate God's love through an offer of friendship in the moveable square meter where God has placed us at this exact moment. Make the decision today to attend a Cursillo de Cursillos and allow the Charism of Cursillo to form you, inform you, and transform you. Christ is still counting on you!

\$3/YR Campaign & Amazon Smile Update

The National Cursillo Center (NCC) has received a total donation of \$164,156 to the \$3/YR Campaign from June 2013 to January 2018. The NCC has advanced approximately \$160,000 to support establishing movements, book discounts, National Encounter registration fee reduction and vouchers to Diocesan Lay Directors.

The National Cursillo Center has received \$780.38 from Smile Amazon Foundation thanks to the participation of many Cursillistas!

Please continue promoting the Campaign and Amazon Smile through your Friendship Group Reunion, Ultreya, School of Leaders, Regional Encounters, workshops, personal contact, group e-mail, etc. For more information about the \$3/YR Campaign and Amazon Smile, visit <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/donate-to-cursillo>. Thank you so much for your continuous support and generosity.

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