

What Bishops Say About Cursillo:

Former Bishop of Oregon Michael Hanley said, “I made my Cursillo in 1982 in Oklahoma along with my wife, Marla. It was a powerful experience with the love of God in community. I recommend it to anyone interested in deepening their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. Yes, God can be encountered in many places and in many ways, but God is often most powerfully experienced in community. Cursillo provides a wonderful experience and the presence of God in community.”

Former Bishop of Olympia Gregory Rickel writes, “To me, Cursillo is Christianity 101. When I made my Cursillo over 25 years ago I remember finding, in those grace-filled, and a bit challenging days, how much I did not know, how much I had yet not experienced about our faith. I found a depth there that has never faded. It also taught me more about Christian community, and Christian leadership. My faith, and therefore my life, was enriched in those days, and that has grown ever since.

Former Bishop of Oregon Robert Ladehoff wrote, “All of God’s people share a deep longing for growth and reflection and renewal. In a day of pain and confusion and rootlessness, all of us are being drawn towards God. I found new strength and stability for my life when I made my Cursillo in 1983. I was deeply moved to hear the dedicated people making formal presentations about Christian belief. Cursillo was great fun, a time for singing and learning, an opportunity to build friendships that continue to this day. I invite you to ponder your longings for a deeper relationship to God and God’s people. Consider Cursillo. It has been a glorious channel of God’s grace for many of us.”

Former Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, who was living in Oregon when she first began pursuing ordination as a priest, said, “I attended a Cursillo weekend in 1991 as I began to answer a call to deeper engagement in God’s mission. It was a profound experience of God’s love in community, and I learned much. Cursillo is an ongoing opportunity to grow – in capacity for loving action in the world, in deepened engagement in community, in awareness of God’s action in our lives, and more conscious and open relationship with God. If you are seeking MORE in your life, come and see!”

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, also a Cursillista, says, “When I look to see where the spirit is moving and Episcopalians are lit up with the love of Christ and each other, I know to look to Cursillo. This ministry is such a gift to the Episcopal Church, and never more than in this moment as we seek to follow our Lord’s call into the Jesus Movement.”

And the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, says “Through Cursillo the love of God is experienced afresh, an experience which draws us into prayer and compassionate action. Because of this, Cursillo is a much needed instrument for the renewal of the life of the Church today, and one for which I give thanks.”

1/30/2023