

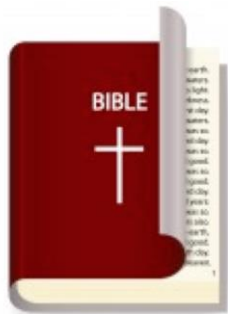
Is Cursillo for you?

Cursillo is for adults (18 and over) who are seeking renewal and growth in their Christian faith.

Couples are encouraged to attend a week-end together, but this is not essential.

All applicants are sponsored by someone who has already completed a Cursillo Weekend. If you don't know anyone who could sponsor you, please contact us so we can put you in touch with someone.

Applications are also warmly invited from priests and pastors.



Costs

The weekend does, of course, incur expenses, primarily for food and accommodation. Participants are therefore asked to contribute towards these costs. If this presents you with any difficulty, please discuss the matter with your sponsor because finance is never a barrier to participation.

MAIN PARTNERS: Church of Scotland – Emmanuel Episcopal Church – Saint John XXIII Parish – Holy Trinity Anglican Church – and more!

More information

Find out more about Cursillo from our website:

www.genevacursillo.org

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www.cenacle.ch



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THE ECUMENICAL CURSILLO OF GENEVA



**A unique
three-day weekend
to refresh your
Christian faith**

What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is Spanish for “**short course**”, an abbreviation for the longer expression “Cursillo de Cristiandad”, which means “**A short course in Christianity**”.

It started in Spain over 70 years ago.

Cursillo aims to help Christians to

- get to know themselves better (**encounter with self**)
- see the good that a loving and caring Christian community can provide (**encounter with others**)
- experience the presence and love of God, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit (**encounter with God**)

Cursillo in the world

A worldwide **movement** that embraces many Christian denominations: more than 45 million Christians have participated in a Cursillo weekend.

Cursillo in the Geneva area

There have been **ecumenical Cursillo** weekends in the Geneva area

- in English: since 1983
- in French: between 1991 and 2014

More than **1,000 people** have attended these weekends.

Cursillo weekends are held in **English** in **May** and **November**. They take place at Le Cénacle, a retreat centre just off the route de Malagnou in Geneva with ample parking and accessible by bus.

During a weekend

The three-day, residential weekend starts on Thursday evening at 19:30 and ends Sunday evening with a light supper shared with others who have been on a Cursillo weekend.

Cursillo offers a **varied** weekend filled with:

- Short **talks** by clergy and lay people
- Lively **discussions** in a small group
- **Reflections**, music, prayer, **liturgies**, songs, **silence**, entertainment
- Q&A with **resident clergy**
- **Good food** and company!

Everyone learns from each other by sharing in a **living and loving Christian community** for three days.



After the weekend

Those who wish may continue to enjoy the Cursillo experience.

This is best done by getting **more** involved in a local **Christian community, church** or **parish**.

The Geneva Cursillo community also holds **gatherings** about once every two months. There are also opportunities to join one of the **ecumenical reunion groups** that meet regularly to share in prayer, study and Christian action.

What people have said about Cursillo

“What I learnt helped me move from my childish knowledge of Christianity to a fuller, adult-oriented knowledge of what Christianity really means. It got me going on a new and clearer path of life.”

“Cursillo – it refreshed my faith! The fun with laughter, the peace with solitude, and the education in what it means to be a Christian today! I met a lot of great people from various churches, including my own, whom I had never met before. The weekend allows time to relax and freedom to focus on God, Christianity, fellowship and the very depths of my soul for three whole days.”

“Cursillo: what a treat! It’s something that everyone should experience at least once in one’s life.”

“It’s like a ray of sun and hope in our world and in our churches!”

“It’s not a retreat, it’s an advance!”