

## **CURSILLO**

The Cursillo Ministry begins with attendance at a three-day weekend (held at Trinity Center) conducted by lay people with three clergy members as spiritual advisors. The weekend is intended to enrich and deepen an individual's faith journey and foster ministry among lay people. The weekend consists of talks and group discussions built on the Cursillo tripod of Piety, Study, and Action. The weekend is filled with worship, singing, prayer, meditation, great food, and lifetime friendship building.

Following this three-day weekend, participants return to their parishes with the expectation for ongoing participation in what Cursillo refers to as the Fourth Day. Key activities include weekly reunion groups where Cursillistas discuss ways they are continuing to build on their piety (relationships with God and others), study, and apostolic action. The ultimate key for the Cursillo ministry is for each participant to live into their belief in Christ and encourage others to do likewise.

Our last Episcopal Cursillo EC 99 was held in November 2019 with an increased number of Pilgrims, as compared to the spring (held in April 2019) weekend. COVID-19 prevented us from holding Episcopal Cursillo 100 during April 2020 as well as a Cursillo weekend in November 2020. We continue to hope and pray that we will be able to hold a Cursillo weekend in 2021.

Reunion groups throughout the Diocese, as well as Secretariat meetings, and team meetings for the next Cursillo weekend have been held by Zoom. We have worked diligently to maintain our Diocesan website ([www.cursillodec.org](http://www.cursillodec.org)) and submitted articles for publication in the News and Notes. We are currently in the planning phase of a Grand Ultreya (an Ultreya meeting that includes all deaneries in the Diocese of East Carolina). You may access the National Episcopal Cursillo Ministry website at [www.episcopalcursilloministry.org](http://www.episcopalcursilloministry.org) for additional information and resources.

Respectfully submitted,

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