



Toolkit / Resources to Start a Cursillo Group Reunion

The following are tools and suggestions to help you start your own Cursillo Group Reunion (CGR). It's easy! Begin by finding a friend, perhaps from your own Cursillo. Talk with them about starting a Cursillo Group Reunion (CGR) together. Then add a friend and watch it grow!

- For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.
— Matthew 18:20

Cursillo Group Reunion Toolkit

Come Holy Spirit Prayer (page 6 of your Pilgrim Guide)

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your spirit, and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the Earth.

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolation
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song Sheets

Offer these options from the Pilgrim Guide

- Let There Be Peace on Earth
- This is Holy Ground
- Sing a New Song Unto The Lord
- Peace is Flowing like a River
- How Great thou Art
- Amazing Grace
- Soon and very Soon
- Praise Him

Crucifix (optional)



Group Reunion Meeting - Outline

For the first few meetings, and when a new member joins the group, start each meeting by taking turns introducing yourselves, to encourage friendship and an easy transition for the group to get to know one another.

State your name, town, parish, when (and where) you lived your Cursillo. (** = Optional)

- Come Holy Spirit Prayer
- ** Song
- Everyone takes turns sharing some prayer intentions
- Everyone takes turns sharing a time when they experienced a moment of piety, study, action or a special moment when they felt the presence of Christ
- Have the Cursillo Group Reunion card available for guidance and support
- ** Say the Rosary, or a decade of the Rosary together
- Conclude with praying the Our Father or Hail Mary (** or someone shares a meaningful prayer)
- Light conversation
- ** Offer to substitute a meeting for opportunity for service somewhere as a group, or meet for dinner somewhere or for an ice cream

Sample Email Invitations – For in person and virtual reunions

In Person Reunion

Emails are optional if you are meeting on a recurring schedule. You can also text reminders.

SUBJECT LINE = Upcoming Cursillo Group Reunion – Insert Date

Good Morning,

Please join us for our weekly Cursillo Group Reunion this Friday evening, July 3rd at 7pm at Holy Cross Church. The Church is located at 225 Purchase Street in South Easton.

We welcome new members to our Cursillo Group Reunion. If you have already invited them, please share their name and contact information so we can add them to our email group listing.

Here is the format for our meeting, along with the “Come Holy Spirit” prayer:

1. ‘COME HOLY SPIRIT, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the Earth. Let us pray: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen’.
2. Prayer intentions – as we take turns, we will introduce ourselves by name, town, parish and when we lived our Cursillo – and then offer a prayer intention or two, in hopes to unite our prayers.
3. Share a special moment close to Christ – we take turns sharing a moment when we felt Christ’s presence in our life.
4. Conclude our meeting with either an ‘Our Father’ or ‘Hail Mary’

PLEASE RSVP AND CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE TO THIS MEETING. We look forward to sharing the evening with you!

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Virtual Reunion

SUBJECT LINE = Upcoming Virtual Cursillo Group Reunion – Insert Date

Good Morning,

Please join us for our weekly Cursillo Virtual Group Reunion this Friday, May 14th at 7:00PM.

Kindly RSVP so we have an idea of who will be joining us.

We welcome new members to our Cursillo Group Reunion. If you have talked to them about our group and they are interested in joining us, please share their name and contact information so we can add them to our email group listing.

The format for our evening:

- Come Holy Spirit Prayer (page 6 of Pilgrim Guide)
 - Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your spirit, and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the Earth.
Leader: Let us pray.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
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Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
- Sharing Prayer Intentions
- Sharing a special moment when you felt the presence of Christ
- Closing prayer

Join Zoom Meeting

Insert Zoom Link

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Helpful Tips to Hosting Cursillo Group Reunions:

- Cursillo Group Reunions are designed for friends to come together and support each other on our 4th Day journey. Let it be a welcoming group who shows respect to each other.
- What is said at group stays at group. Cursillo Group Reunions should be safe environments for members when sharing. Please maintain confidentiality at all times, in order to respect our brothers and sisters.
- Determine your group's frequency and try to stay consistent. Will you be meeting weekly? Twice a month? 7:00 p.m. on Friday evenings? Manage your group's expectations by creating a schedule - so everyone can mark their calendars for this ongoing meeting.
- There are resources available to you on the Holy Cross Retreat House website: www.retreathouse.org/virtual-group. We are also available for guidance and support, as are many other Cursillistas. Please reach out if you need any assistance.
- Please stay in touch! We would love to hear how your Cursillo Group Reunion is doing. We are hoping to eventually publish a list of active Cursillo Group Reunions on the retreat house website, for those looking to join one.

Thank you for helping us grow Cursillo Group Reunions within our Cursillo community. You are taking a wonderfully exciting first step towards continuing your Cursillo journey. Let's fill up our 4th days with special moments close to Christ — together!

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