

The Heartland Episcopal Cursillo of the  
Dioceses of West Missouri and Kansas,  
including the Metropolitan Kansas City  
area, is pleased to present an Episcopal  
Cursillo Two Day Weekend on  
**October 16-18, 2026**

For more information, please visit:

- [heartlandepiscopalcursillo.org](http://heartlandepiscopalcursillo.org)  
(including access to the candidate  
application packet)
- [episcopalcursilloministry.org](http://episcopalcursilloministry.org)
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“But grace was given to each of us  
according to the measure of  
Christ’s gift. And His gifts were  
that some should be apostles,  
some prophets, some evangelists,  
some pastors and teachers, to  
equip the saints for the work of  
ministry, for building up the body  
of Christ.”

**Ephesians 4:7,11-12**

### **What is Cursillo?**

Cursillo is a ministry of the Episcopal Church, under the authority of the Presiding and Diocesan Bishops. The goal of Cursillo is to bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ by empowering and equipping Christians with the knowledge and encouragement to live out their Baptismal Covenant to serve Christ.

### **What is the Purpose of Cursillo?**

A Christian's responsibility is to follow Christ through worship, prayer and spreading the word of God. The primary objectives of Cursillo are to help Christians understand and develop their individual callings to be Christian leaders. Cursillo revitalizes spiritual enthusiasm which is ultimately conveyed to others through association.

### **Where did Cursillo Originate?**

“Cursillo” is derived from the Spanish Roman Catholic Church and means “a short course.” The Cursillo ministry was introduced into the Episcopal Church in the 1970's from the Catholic Church, becoming a national and international ministry. The Cursillo program retains many Spanish terms that reflect its history.

### **What is the Cursillo Ministry?**

Cursillo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called a small group of potential leaders (pre-Cursillo); He trained them by word and example and inspired them with a vision (the Two-Day Weekend); He linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to Him (the Fourth Day).

### **Pre-Cursillo**

During this period, sponsors (individuals that have attended the Two-Day Weekend) identify and recommend the candidacy of those Episcopalians who are leading an active Christian life and are a living witness to their love for Christ. It is also the time in which selected candidates are informed of what to expect at the Two-Day Weekend and are assisted in appropriate preparations.

### **The Two-Day Weekend**

The weekend brings together a group of Episcopalians to share in the Cursillo journey. It is discerned that those who attend are already well grounded in their faith and function as spiritual advisors. Cursillo is intended to be an enrichment of faith and not a conversion experience.

Lay people conduct the weekend along with members of the clergy. The weekend includes talks by both lay and clergy team members who share their personal journey through the meanings of Grace, the Sacraments, the Mass, the nature and need of prayer, living one's life in union with God, studying the gift of God and introducing Christ to others by word and deed.

Participants are assigned to table groups to discuss the presentation topics and share their own experiences. Cursillo is not only a spiritual and educational experience but is full of the joy of laughter, music and complimented by good snacks and meals...all of which produces a wonderfully memorable weekend.

### **The Fourth Day**

The Cursillo weekend is simply a beginning...a starting point that lasts the rest of one's life. It is a springboard to a long-range practice of the Baptismal Covenant in the life of the Church called the Fourth Day.

**The Reunion** is a small group of Cursillistas (one who has attended a Cursillo) who meet and encourage each other's spiritual journey.