

Pastoral Plan for the Cursillo Movement  
In the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky  
June 2020-June 2023

This Pastoral Plan for the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky was prepared by the School of Leaders under the direction of the Secretariat. This is our Diocesan three (3) year plan of action. This document is to be reviewed and updated, if needed, every year in the month of June.

**MISSION:** The definition of the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Owensboro is the same as the world-wide definition given us by our National Secretariat. The Cursillo Movement is “a movement of the Church which, with its own method, makes it possible to live what is fundamental for being a Christian, in order to create a nucleus of Christians who engage in leavening their environments with the Gospel, as they discover and achieve their personal vocations.” This is the Mission of the Cursillo Movement in our Diocese.

As stated in the booklet Pastoral Planning: Make it simple, “if you fail to plan, you plan to fail;” it is for this reason the Owensboro Diocesan Secretariat has directed the School of Leaders to devote a focused amount of time to prepare and review this plan every year. The School of Leaders, which is located in different locations across our diocese, studies the environments within their areas. They select and prioritize the needs of their environments, which are then made goals that are to be achieved by work from within groups to make a Christian change in those environments.

**Our Immediate Goals:**

1. Revitalize the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Day through personal contact and communication
  - a. Continue to provide the most updated Cursillo information on our Cursillo Website: [www.cursillo-owensboro.org](http://www.cursillo-owensboro.org) by appointing a Secretariat Team Member to act as Liaison between the Secretariat and our designated Website provider to communicate the most up-to-date information on a timely basis and embedding a link to our website within the Diocesan Pastoral Website
  - b. Continue our prayer network using monthly email: Every Bright Color (EBC)
  - c. Ensure that an article is prepared, placed in the Diocesan Periodical: The Western Kentucky Catholic during the months of distribution and complete with our Cursillo Trademark Symbol
  - d. Ensure that the announcement and promotion of the Cursillo Weekends are placed in all Parish Bulletins within the diocese no less than two (2) weeks prior to the Scheduled Cursillo Weekends
  - e. Form Schools of Leaders and Ultreyas in dormant areas of the Diocese
  - f. Hold one (1) Cursillo Workshop every year for all Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Day
  - g. Hold one (1) Spiritual Retreat every year for all Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Day
2. Improve the quality of the rollos given on the weekends by setting aside adequate time to study/practice rollos as a group prior to the Cursillo Weekends

3. Encourage the involvement of priests, religious, and Deacons in the Cursillo Movement, including their involvement within the School of Leaders.
4. Establish and continue to provide a Cursillo Weekend in Spanish by the Fall of 2021, having all materials specifically utilized within the diocese translated into the Spanish language.

**Our Long-term Goals:**

1. Review and revise this Pastoral Plan as necessary every year, as it is an ongoing process that changes and requires review, routine evaluation, and updating on a regular basis. As a result of any changes made to this Pastoral Plan, a new version will be provided to our Region IV Service Team Coordinator and our most honored Bishop.
2. Prepare and conduct Cursillo Weekends for the purpose of preparing selected individuals to be re-inserted into their environments fully armed with the means and method to carry out the Mission of the Cursillo Movement. This preparation will consist of the selection and formation of both men and women team members who will bring the Cursillo Movement's method and goals to new Cursillistas.
3. Develop Weekend Teams by adhering to the National Cursillo Guidelines of being active members of the School of Leaders, Ultreyas, and Small Friendship Groups.
4. Acquire the conscientious commitment of all prospective Cursillo weekend team members to attend all formation meetings, except in matters where the individual is a priest, religious, or deacon. In those special cases, the individuals must commit to make as many formation meetings as possible, especially the final, team-building and spiritual retreat formation.
5. Develop Small Friendship Groups, Ultreyas, and Schools of Leaders in all areas within the Diocese of Owensboro.
6. Continue asking the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Day Community to pray a monthly Adoration Hour in front of the Holy Eucharist all over our Diocese specifically for the success of the Cursillo Movement.
7. Establish a Parish Ambassador Program within our Diocese in which every Parish has an Ambassador for new Cursillistas to work with and stay in touch with Cursillo events.

## **Our Pledge and Declaration:**

We, the Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky, realize that we are a movement of the Catholic Church and a part of the pastoral endeavor of the Church Community. We are instruments of the Mission of the Catholic Church, and we are at the service of the organized Pastoral Program of the Diocese of Owensboro. We also realize that we are nothing without God and the graces we receive from Him. For this reason, we require prayer, palanca, and sacrifices; thus moving on our knees throughout our movement. All Apostolic planning and action must be preceded by prayer, and we have all committed ourselves to do so for the Cursillo Movement and its success in this Diocese.

We, the members of the Secretariat of the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky; acknowledge the authority of the National Cursillo Secretariat. We pledge to follow their leadership and direction in all matters within the Cursillo Movement. We have studied and will continue to study all official literature of the Cursillo Movement, as set forth by and received from the United States National Secretariat of the Cursillo Movement, in particularly: The Leader's Manual. We will continue to follow the direction of the National Secretariat and our Most Honorable Bishop, as we continue to lead the Cursillo Movement within the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky.